

COPPELION

ゴッパリオン



井上智徳

TOMONORI INOUE

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CHARACTER PROFILES

AOI FUKASAKU

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's cheerful icebreaker. Aoi has a bottomless stomach, and although she constantly complains, her bright personality lifts the others up despite the disheartening conditions in Tokyo. There seems to be a mysterious power sleeping inside her...

IBARA NARUSE

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR)

Leader of the Coppelion Medical Unit. She possesses staggering athletic ability, and her combat skills are excellent. Relying on her strong conviction to save everyone in Tokyo to give her strength, she leads the search for survivors. Her speech can be a bit rough.





OZU SISTERS

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEARS)

Twin sisters in the Cleanup Crew. Kanon (right), the older sister, can generate lightning, and Shion (left), the younger sister, has super strength. They're both incredibly violent, but reformed after their battle with Ibara.

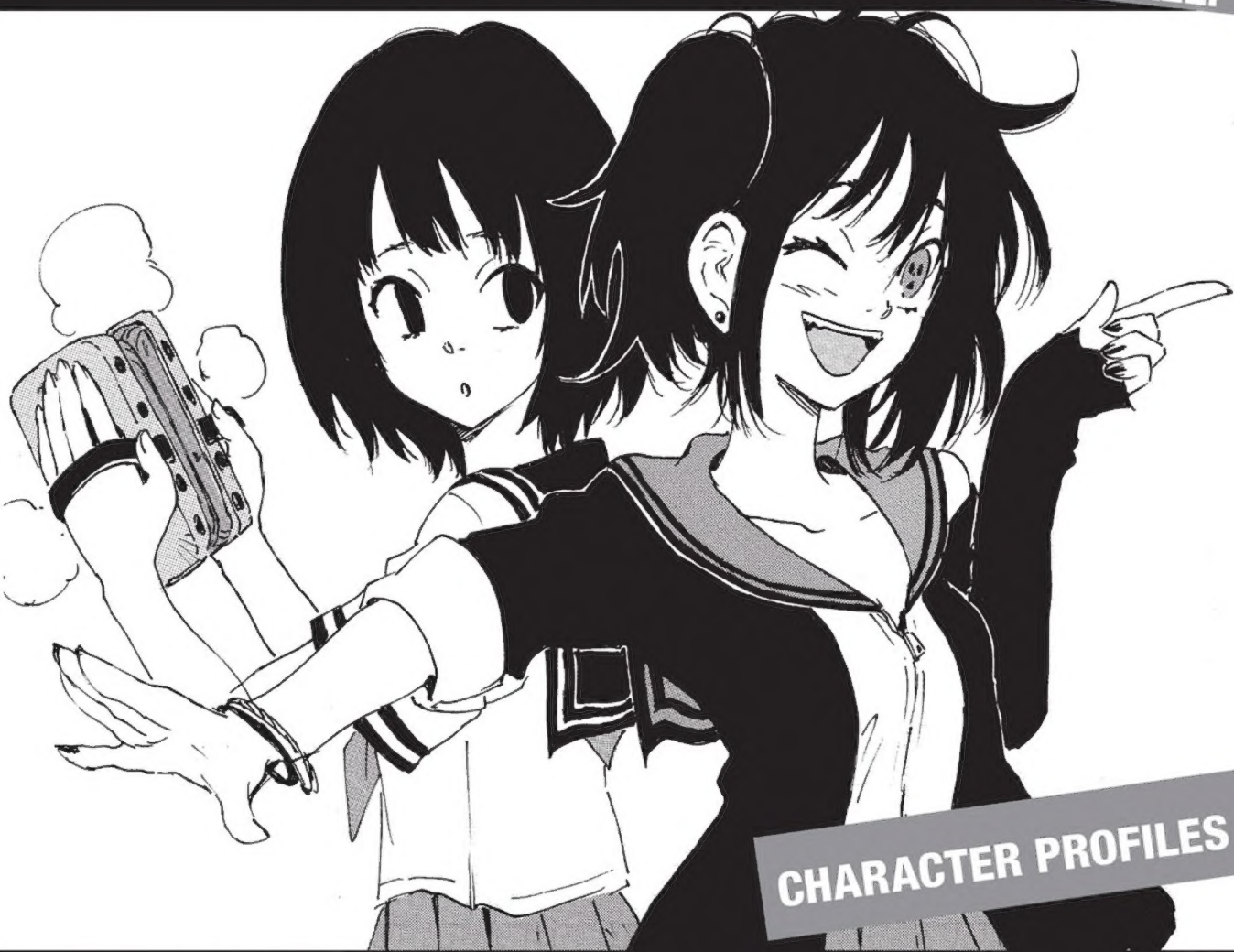
TAEKO NOMURA

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's comforting member. She's quite knowledgeable and has superhuman senses (she wears glasses to reduce her eyesight to 10% of its true strength, because she sees too far). She loves animals.



KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT
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CHARACTER PROFILES

MANA TSUBURAYA

(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

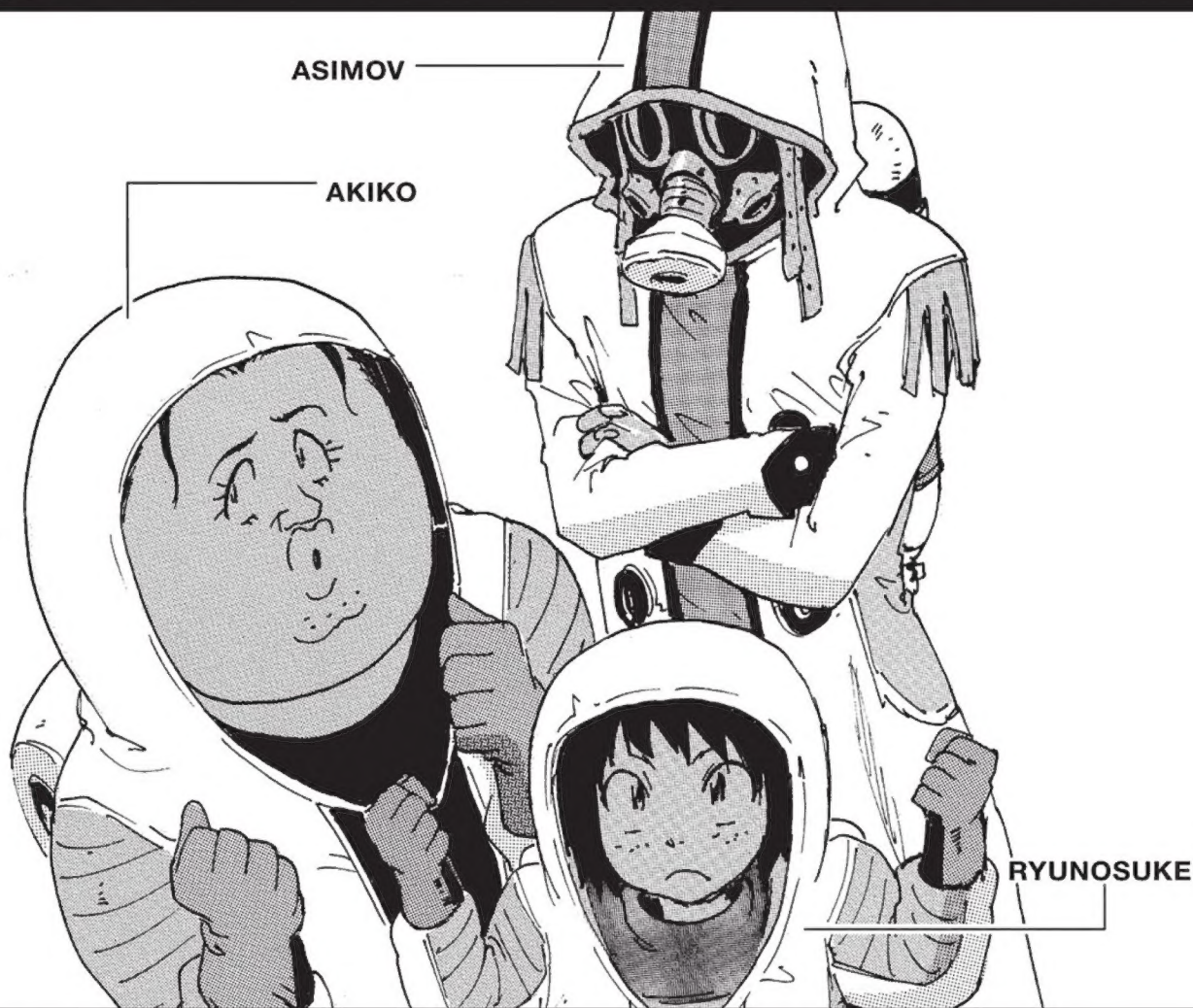
A second-year Coppelion. She's a defect with a "bug"—her body releases neutrons. She seems to be able to harness incredible energy to create shockwaves, but the rest is a mystery...

MEISA ICHIKAWA

(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

A second-year Coppelion. She can disassemble and reassemble her body at the atomic level, a power which she calls "particle break." She's working under Dr. Coppelius against Ibara and the others so that he'll fix the second-years' defect. She likes online games.

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ASIMOV

AKIKO

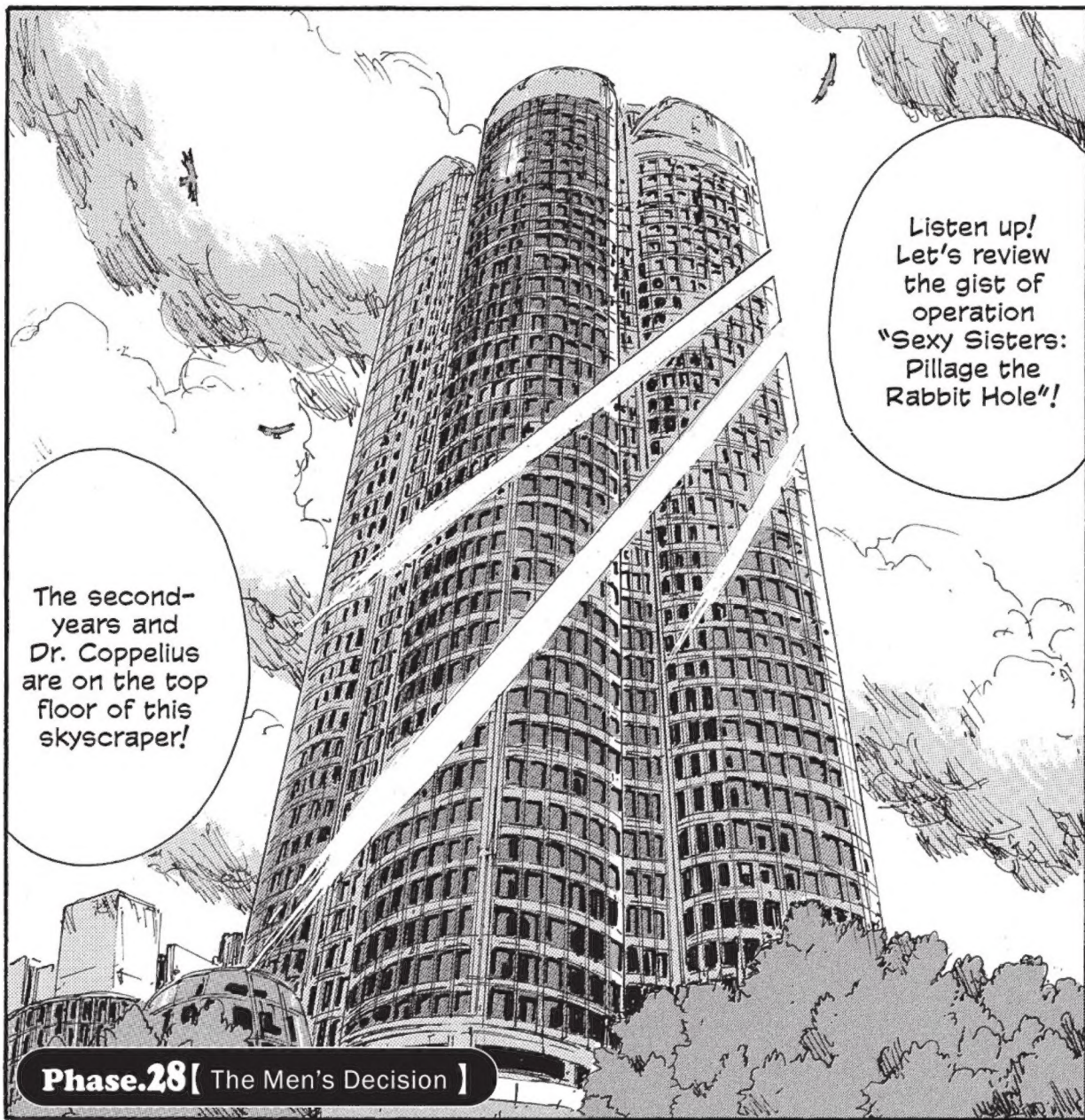
RYUNOSUKE

SHIBUYA AREA SURVIVORS

The survivors who live in the Shibuya shelter. They came to Shinto Bank to get supplies from another group of survivors in Shinjuku, who'd moved there after they had a falling out. On the way, they ran into Mana Tsuburaya, but Ibara showed up just in time to save them.



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Listen up!
Let's review
the gist of
operation
"Sexy Sisters:
Pillage the
Rabbit Hole"!

The second-
years and
Dr. Coppelius
are on the top
floor of this
skyscraper!

Phase.28 [The Men's Decision]



And
they're
after Aoi...
right?



Our objective
is to nab the
stuffed rabbit
Dr. Coppelius
is using to
communicate
with!



You guys
better not
let 'em
checkmate
us!

Think
of it as
going
after the
king in a
game of
chess!

How many
floors high
is this
place?!

HEE

Like...

HUFF



THE
"INVESTIGATION
UNIT" IS ON
THEIR WAY.

HMM
HMM
...

Top Floor
Observation
Deck,
53F—



So there's
no way we'd
just hand
you over to
representative
Naruse and
them.



UNFORTU-
NATELY
FOR
THEM, I
AM NOT
SO IN-
CLINED!

IT SEEMS
THE
GOVERN-
MENT
WOULD
LIKE TO
MEET
ME...

FVVT



AND
CAPTURE
AOI
FUKASAKU.

INTERCEPT
THEM, MY
GIRLS...

RRMM



My knees
are totally
shaking!
This is one
big joke!
Ahahaha!

I can't
take even
one more
step!

HUFF

HUFF



Aaargh!
I...
I give
up!!



Petty
friggin'
jerk!

He's
trying to
wear us
down!



But the
elevators
aren't
working.
Dr. Coppelius
must have
control of
them...

This is
a tough
climb,
that's
for
sure...



Sounds
good to me!
Let's find a
spot that's
nice and
wide.

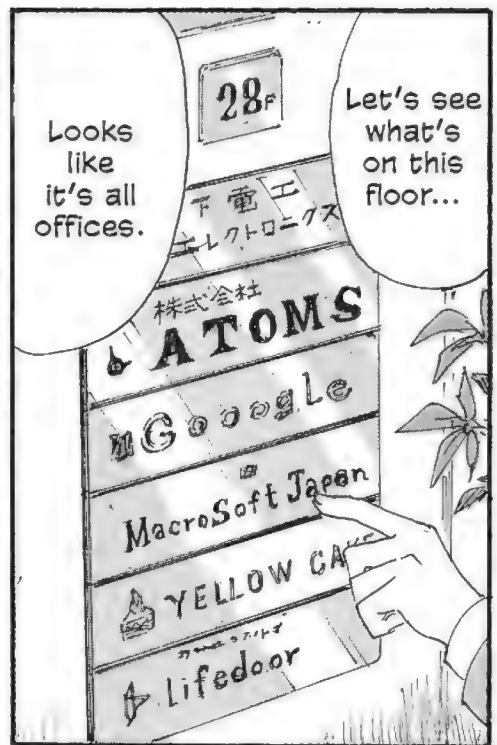
Yay!
A picnic!

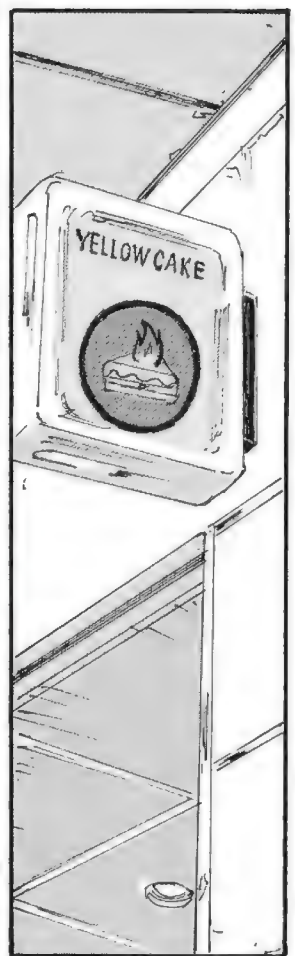
Lunch?!
We're in
the middle
of a *war*
here!

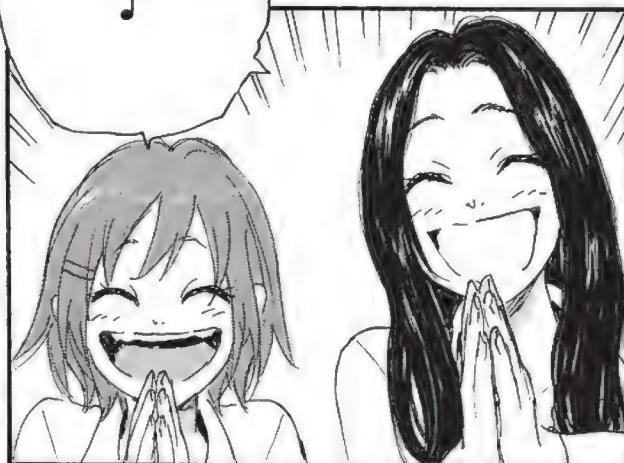


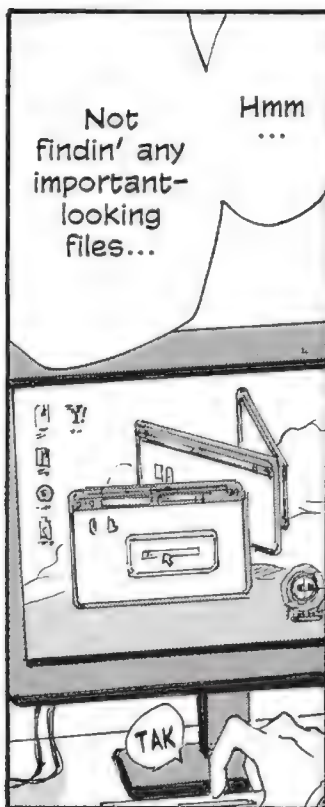
Shall we
break for
lunch and
catch our
breath?

It just
turned
noon.









Not
findin' any
important-
looking
files...

Hmm
...



Hey, stop
hogging it!
Let me have
some, too!

Mmmm,
fried
chicken!

CLICK
CLICK



Yellow
Cake
...

On the surface,
they deal with
industrial
waste... so
their main gig
is supposed to
be recycling.

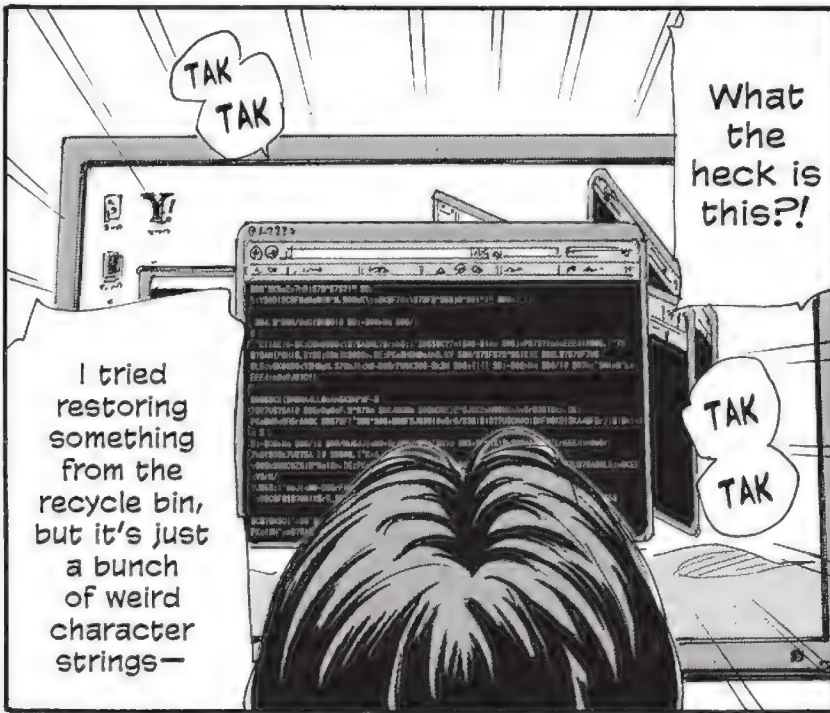


These
guys just
keep
getting
more fishy.

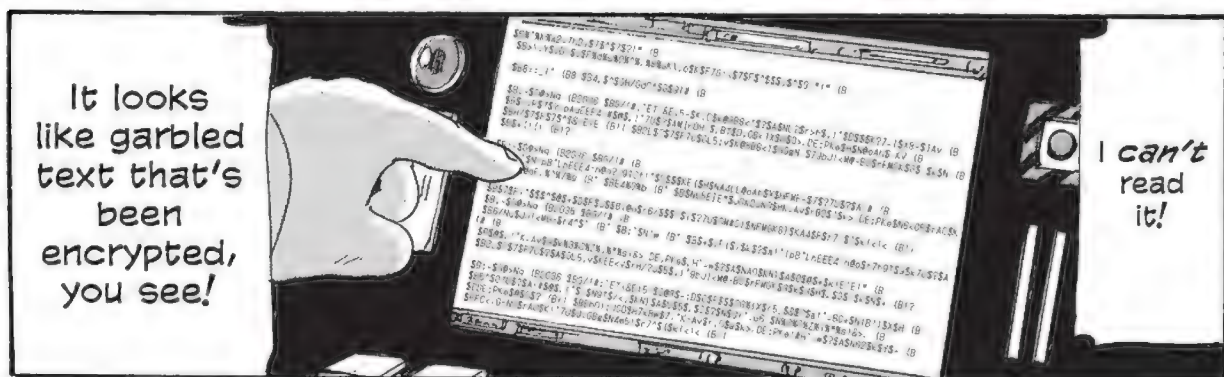
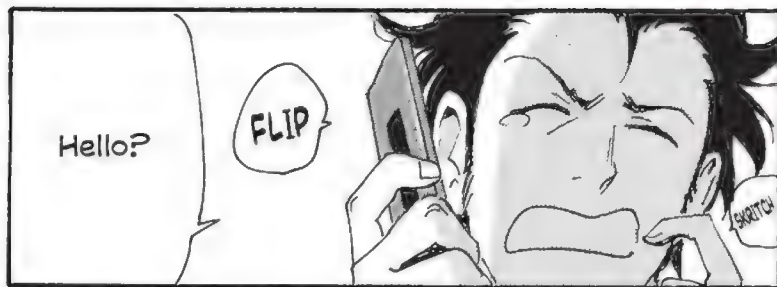
So they
deleted
anything
incrimin-
ating,
huh?

OMPH
OMPH

CLACK









Look,
stop
dragging
me into
this!

I have
no
idea!

GLANCE

GLANCE



What the hell?
Why would
they send
something like
that to you?!

En-
crypt-
ed?!



We were
relieved of
our duties
in Tokyo!

Hey...
listen
to me.

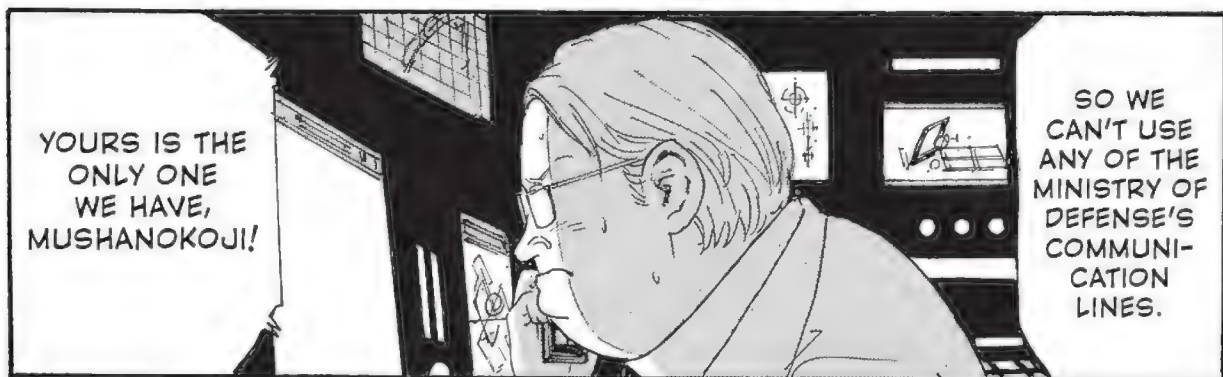
The 3rd
Division
can't
back the
Coppelion up
anymore.



AND
FRANKLY,
I'D RATHER
NOT
FOLLOW IN
HIS WAKE!

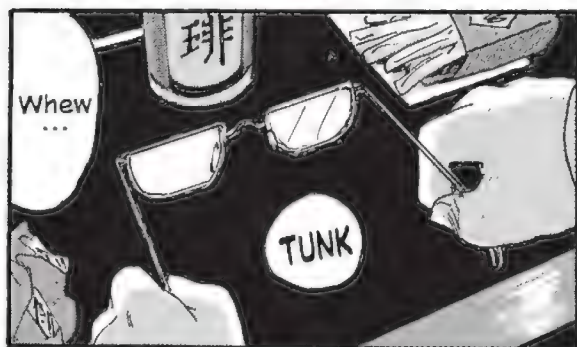
I'VE HEARD
THE RUMORS
ABOUT VICE
PRINCIPAL
MISHIMA'S
DETENTION
...

...



YOURS IS THE
ONLY ONE
WE HAVE,
MUSHANOKOJI!

SO WE
CAN'T USE
ANY OF THE
MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE'S
COMMUNI-
CATION
LINES.



Whew ...

TUNK



...
I'm just an engineer.



I'll treat you to something delicious—anything at all—just help us out!

I'm begging you!



We're the same as you.

Heh!

We only joined the 3rd Division because the pay was a little higher than elsewhere.

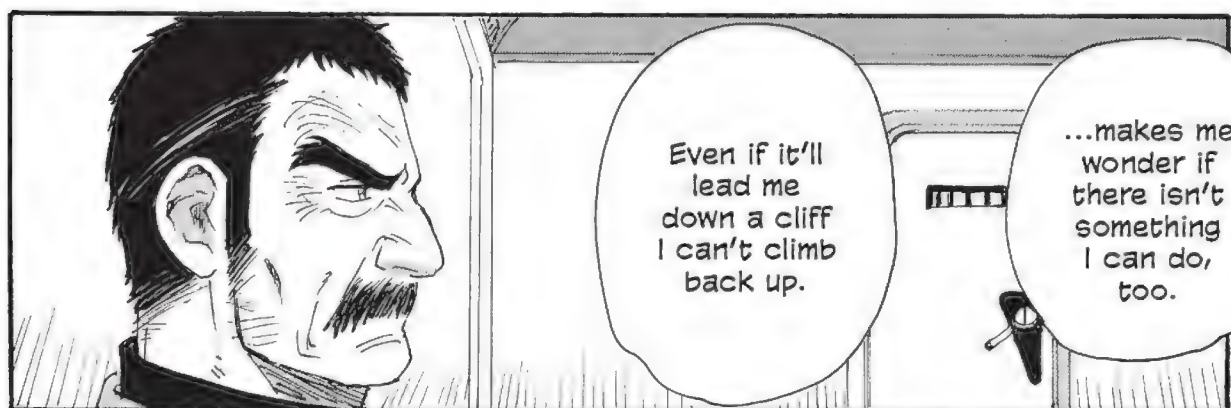


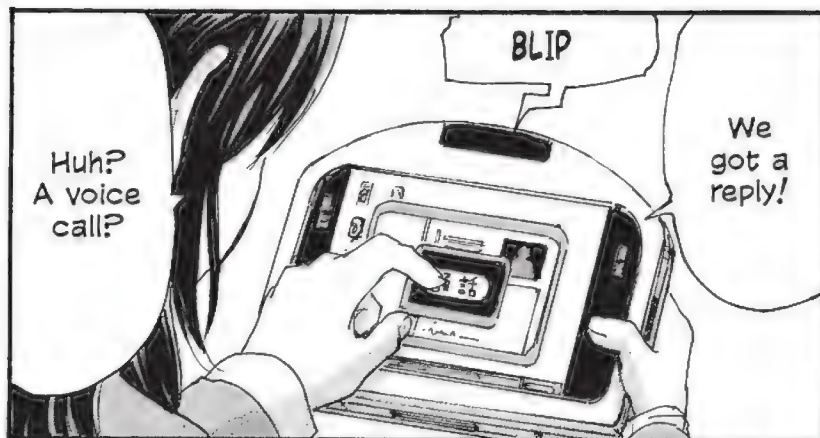
All I want is to be able to make it safely through the next day, just the same.

I do the work that's given to me each day...

And yet...

...you ask me to stick my nose into this nasty business...





Huh?
A voice
call?

We
got a
reply!



THIS IS
CHIEF
MUSHA-
NOKOJI,
AT THE
MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE'S
RESEARCH
CENTER...

AHH, AHH,
TESTING,
TESTING...



YEAH,
THANKS,
LAME-O
NERD!

O-O-KAY!
THANKS!

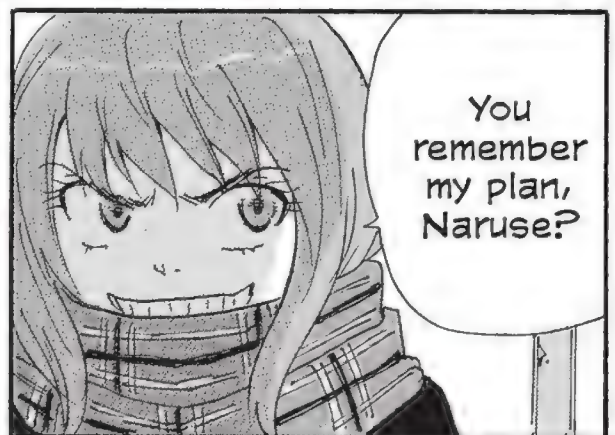
LA-
HOW
RUDE!



I've already
begun to
decode your
message!
Just leave
it to me!

Coppelion,
I'll be assisting
you from here
on out!

TAK TAK





It's an ambush!
It's going
for Aoi
Fukasaku!

The
Chimera!



Nice
hit! Shion ...





Move
it,
Naruse
!!



Let's
move!

Head
for the
top
floor!

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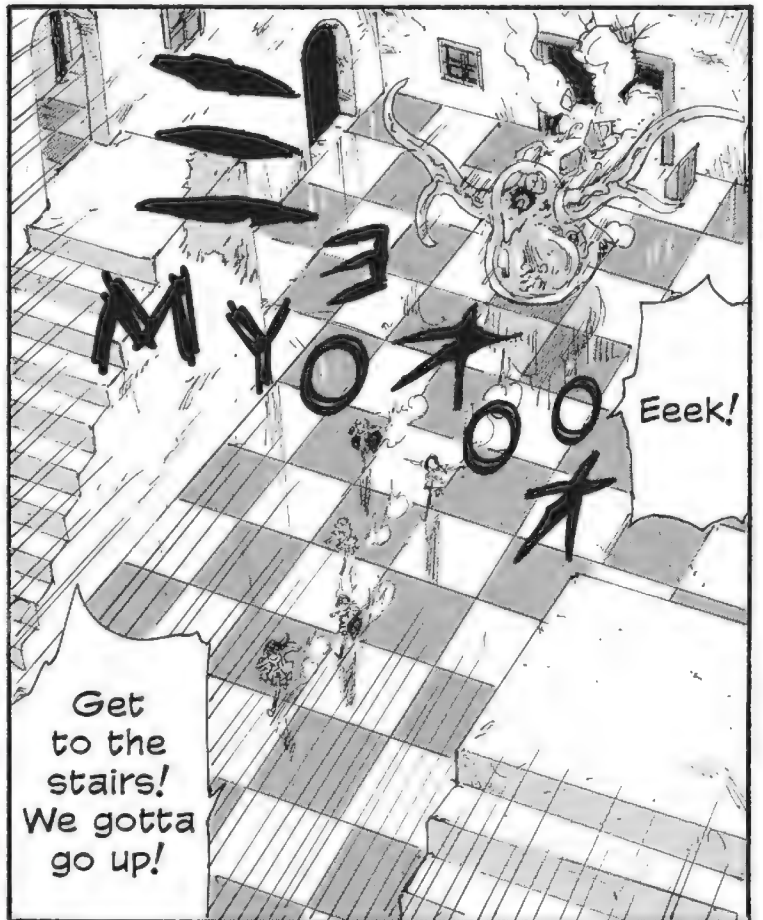


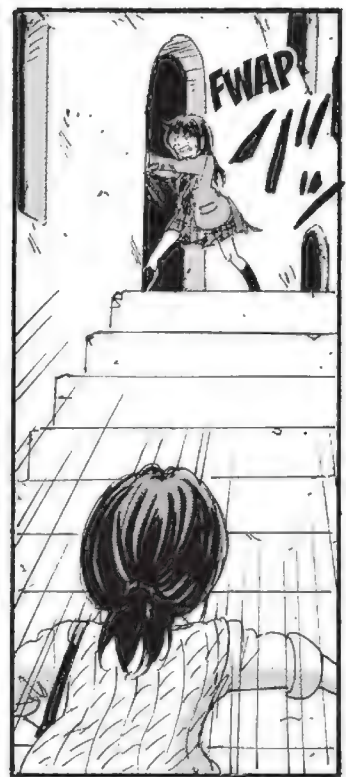
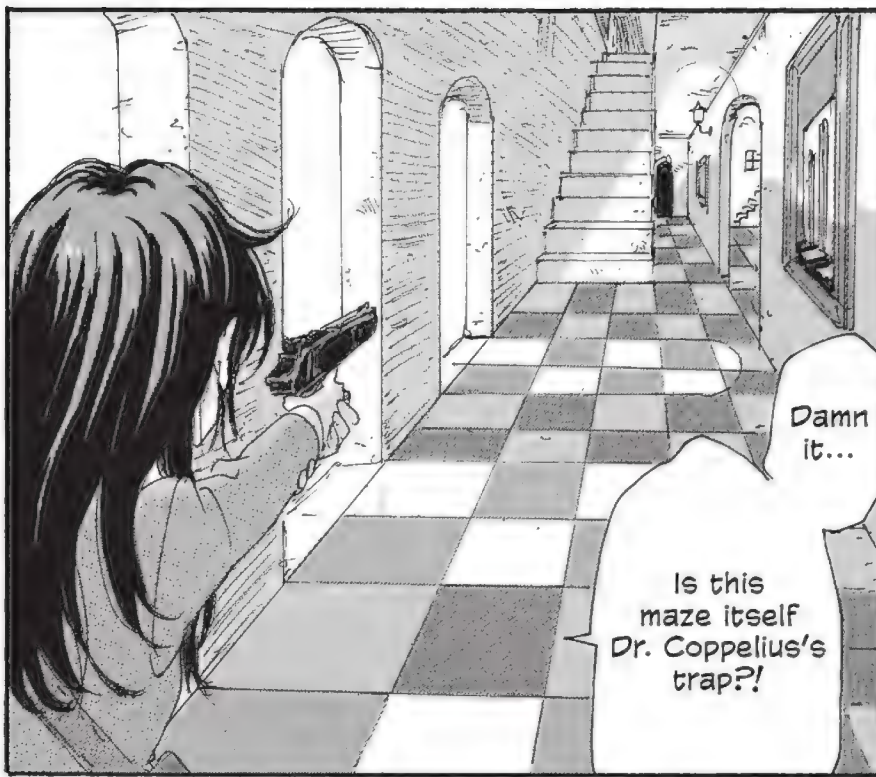
Phase.29 [3D Labyrinth]

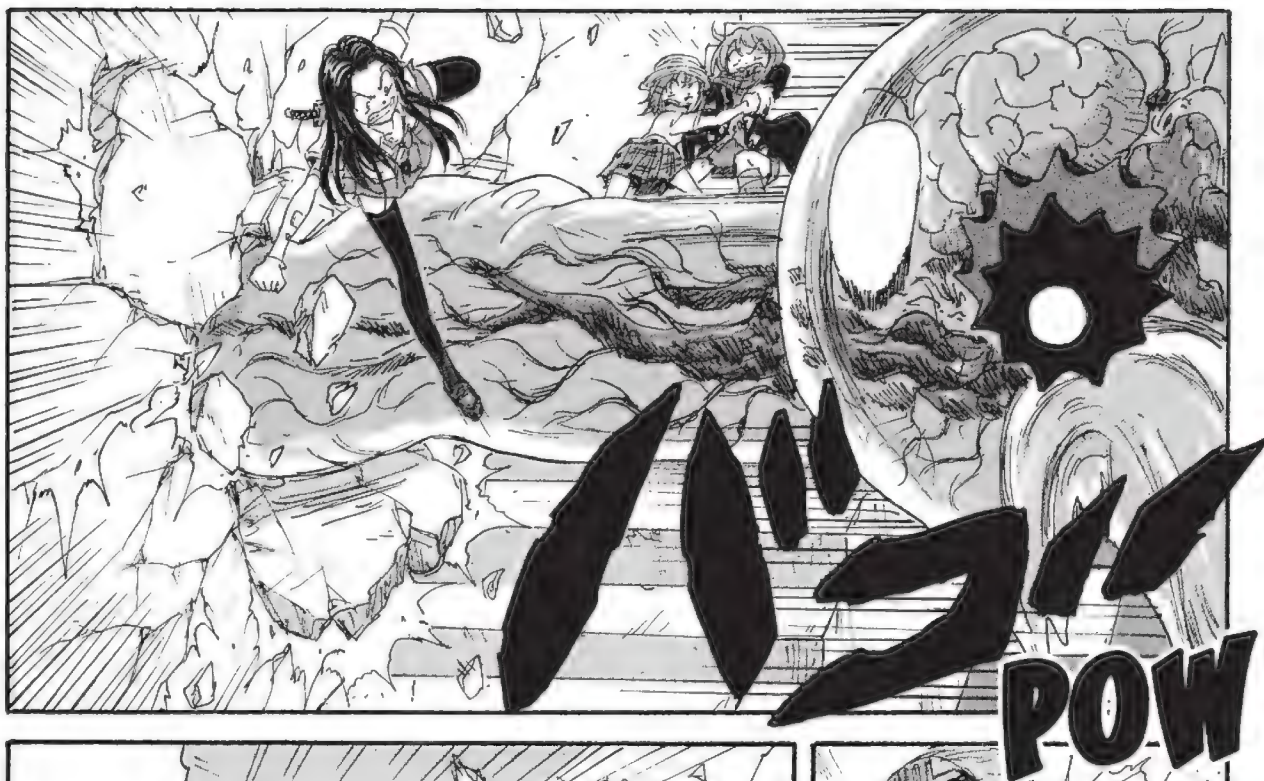




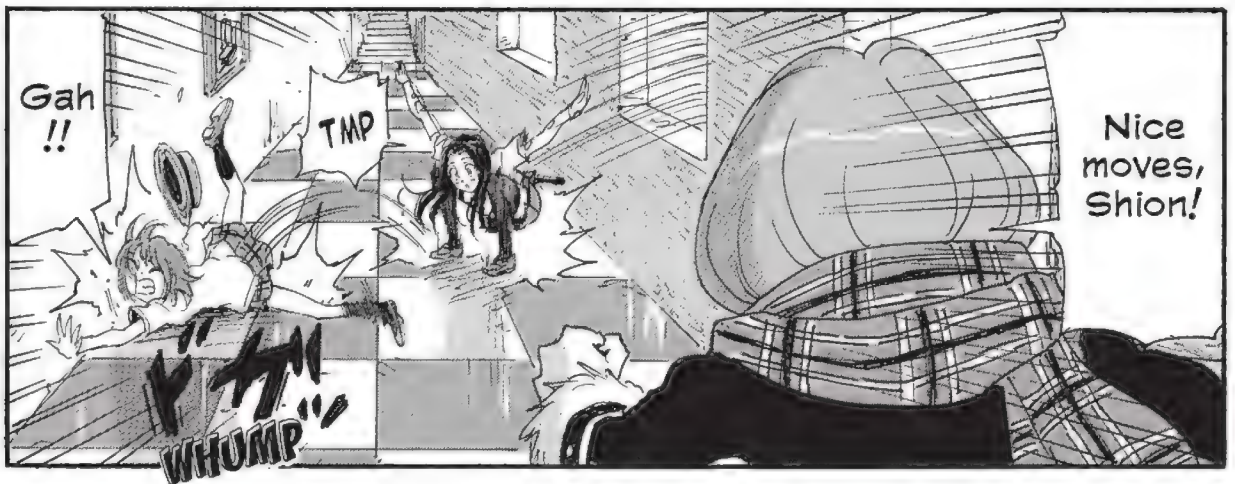
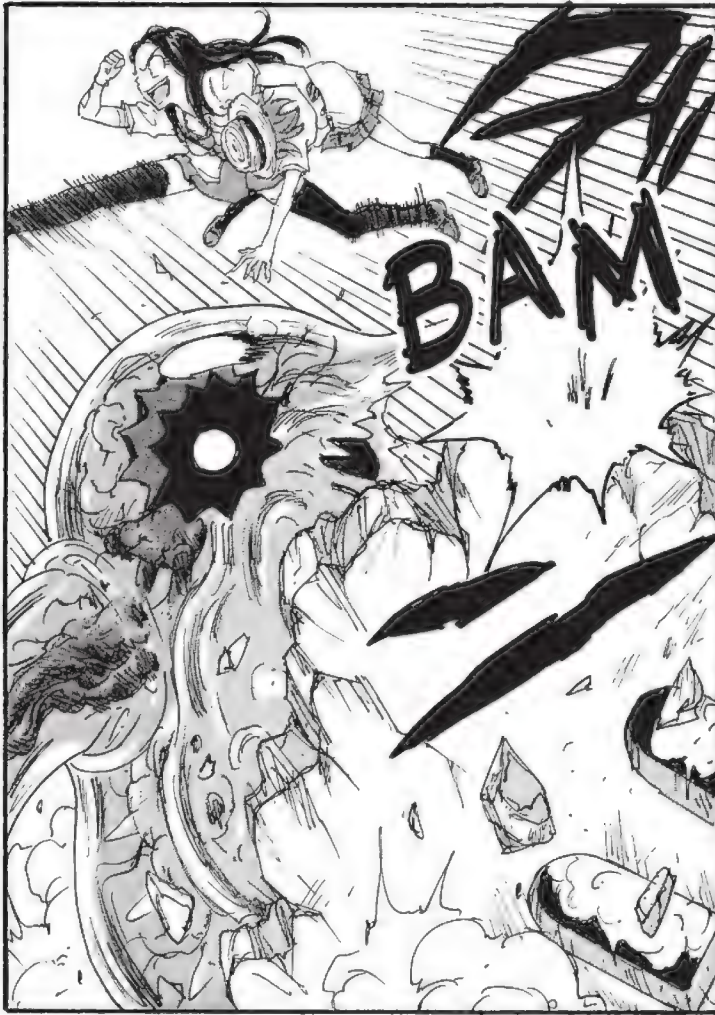








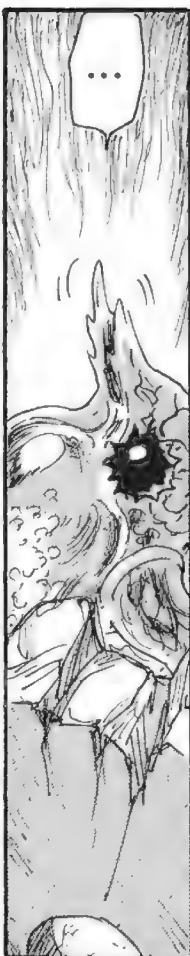






Roger that, rep!

TMP
⚡



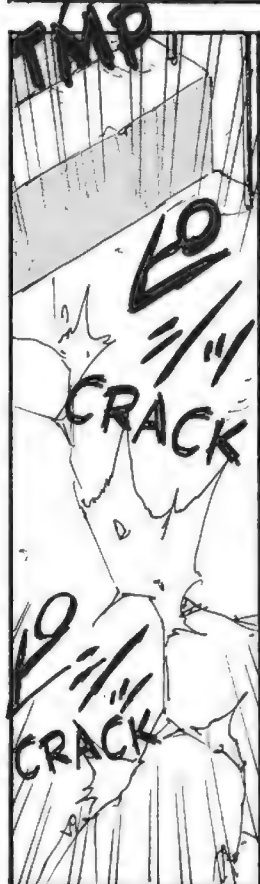
...



Kanon,
let's meet
up at the
bridge up
ahead!

TMP
⚡

TMP
⚡



TMP
⚡

CRACK

CRACK



We'll
keep
going
higher—

Okay!



Whoa!!

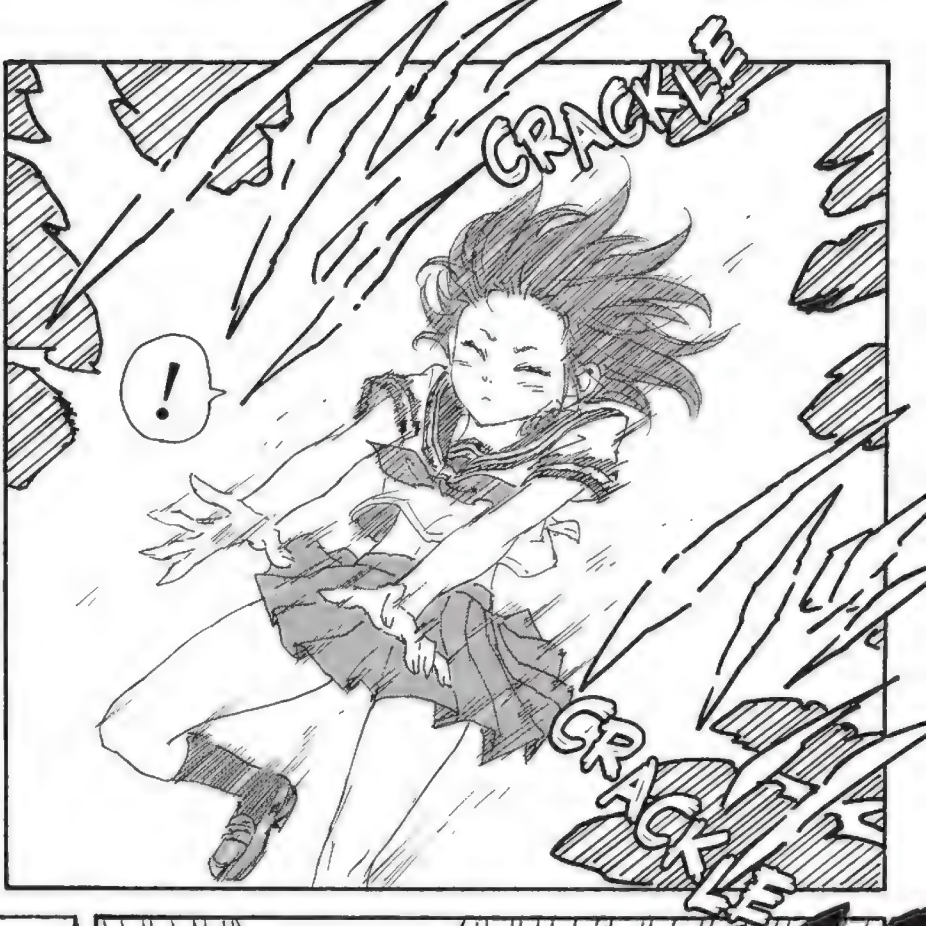


There
she
is...

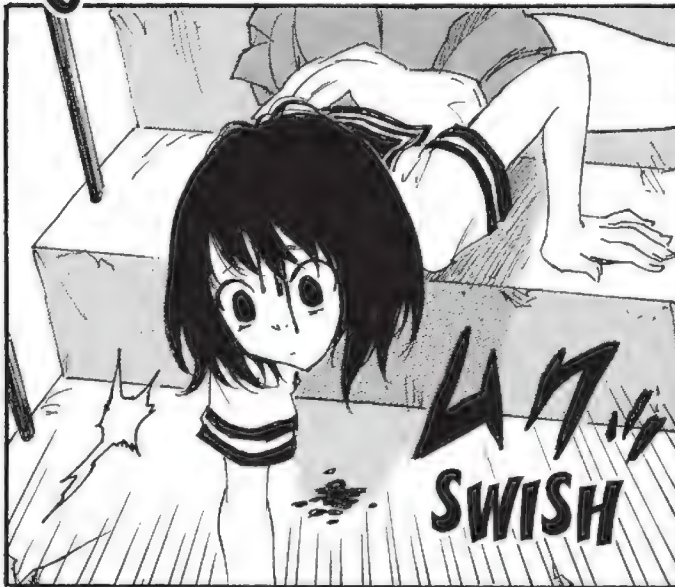
Mana
Tsubu-
raya!

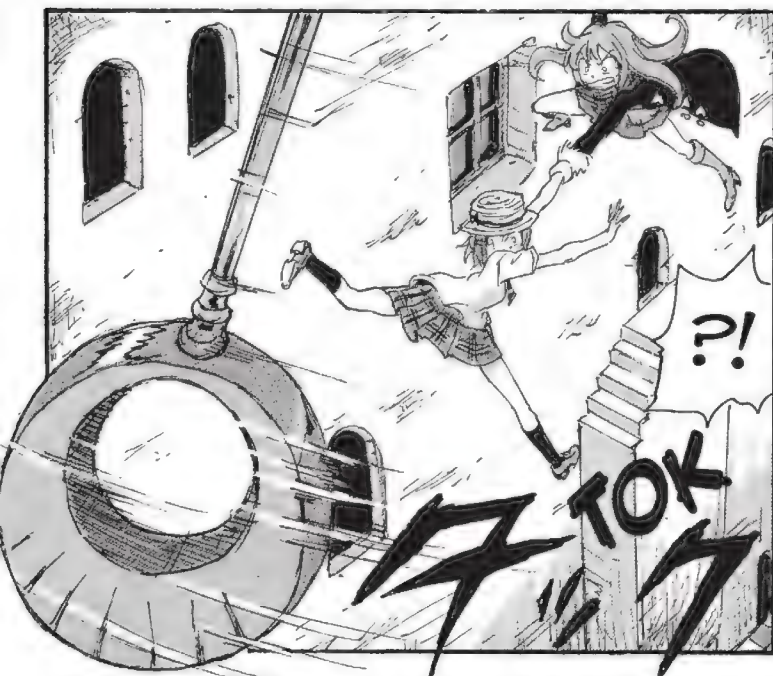
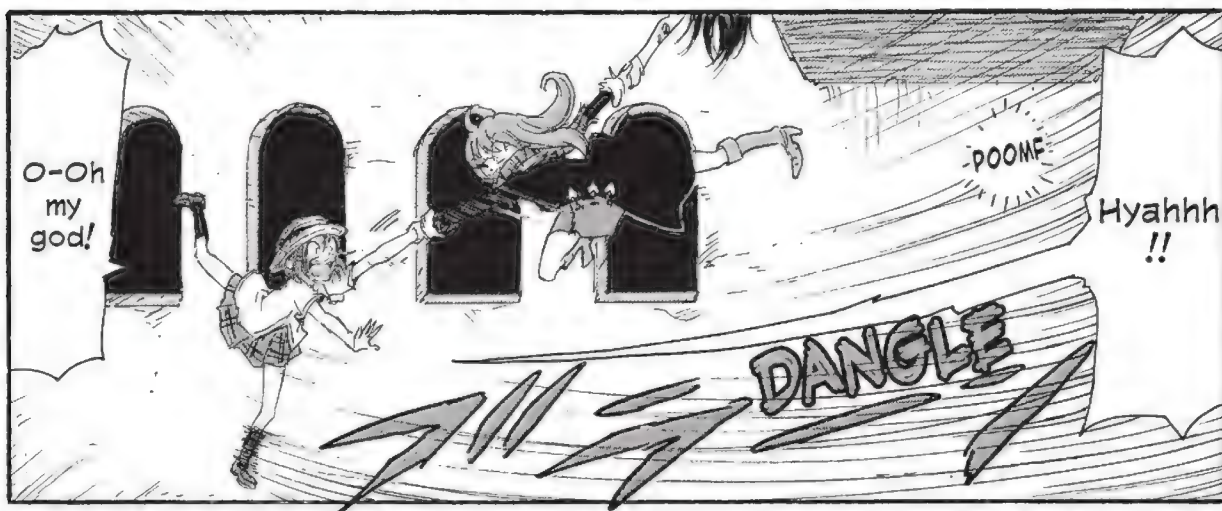


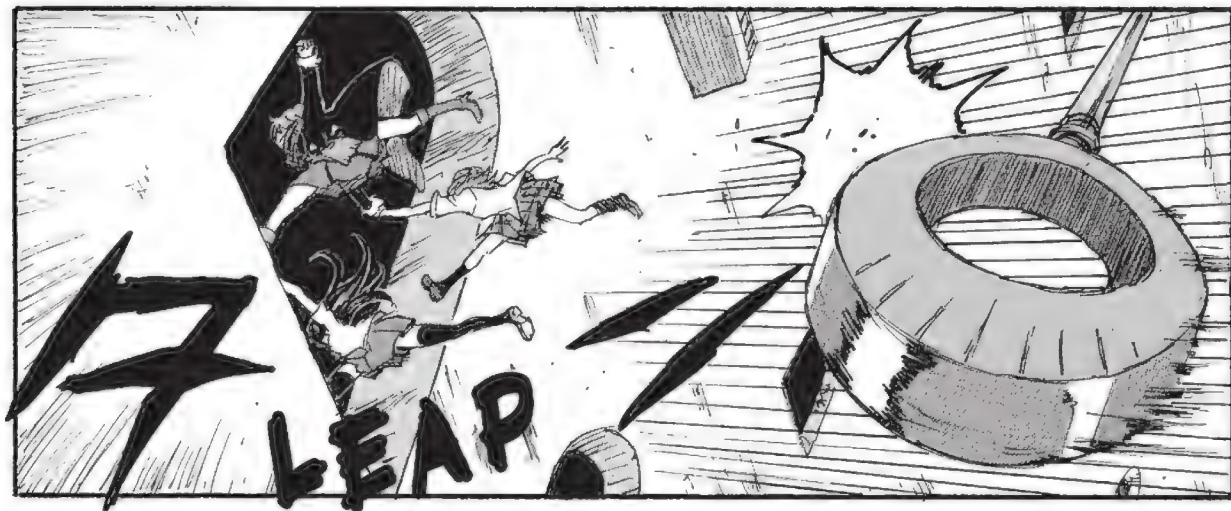




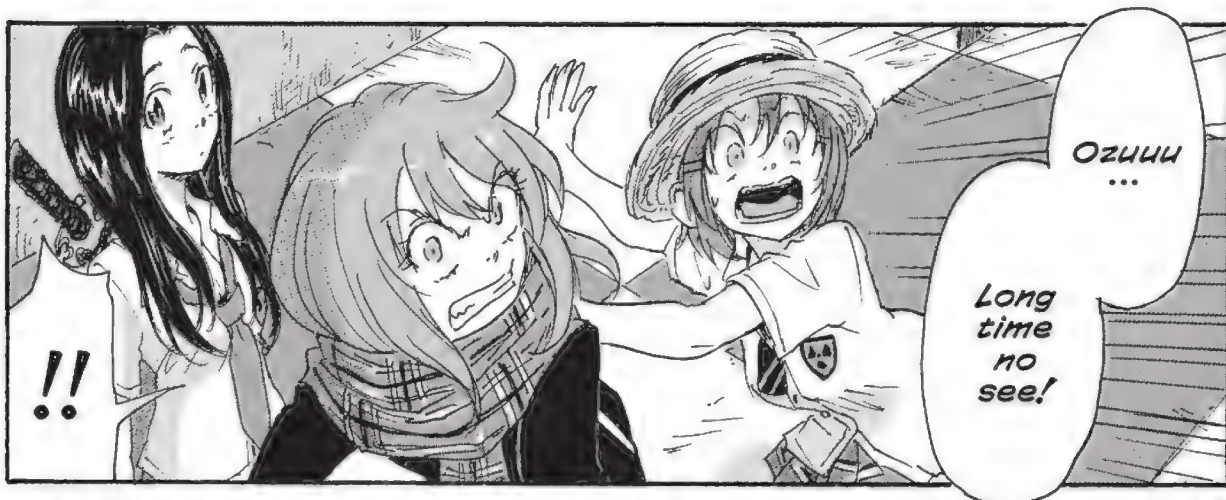












OZUUU ...

Long
time
no
see!

!!



CLANK

CLANK

So
you're
here...

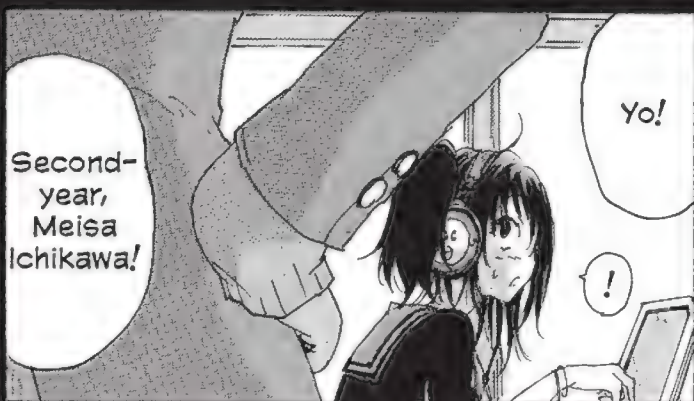
Meisa
Ichikawa!

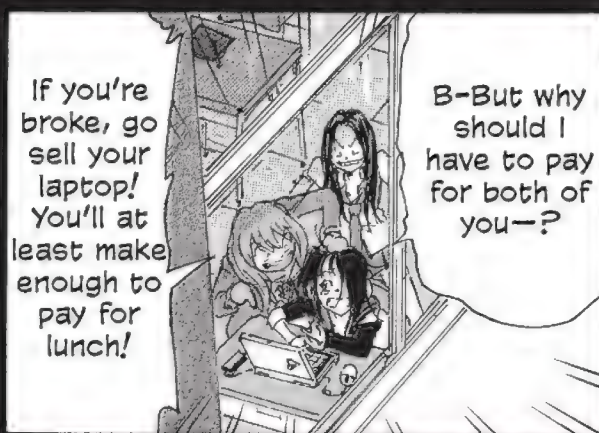
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If you're broke, go sell your laptop! You'll at least make enough to pay for lunch!

B-But why should I have to pay for both of you—?



I want a roll with jam!

That's a good girl! Gyahaha!

I-I'll... go buy your food... urgh...



Did you not hear me?! Huh?!

GWSH!!

What's that?!



Now ...



Be good and hand over the rabbit!



You'll do what we say, just like you did back then. Right, Ichikawa?!

Those were some good times, right?!



Wh...

What?
?!



I'm not
scared
of you
anymore!

No
way,
stupid!



I'll break
you into
little
pieces!
There
won't
even be
a single
speck of
you left!

Why
you...!

BZZT

CLENCH



You were
aaalways
working
me to the
bone...

I'm gonna
make you
pay for
that. You
better get
all your
bluffing out
now, Ozu!



IT SEEMS
THAT YOU,
TOO, ARE
FAILED
SPECIMENS.

AH, THE
OZU
SISTERS
...

VRR

FVVT

YOU
NEEDN'T
HOLD BACK,
MEISA
ICHIKAWA.

You're
the one
who made
us this
way, Dr.
Coppelius!

Wh-
What
the
hell?!
Hey!!

It was all
my bad,
haha! Let
bygones
be
bygones,
right?!

Oh, Miss
Ichikawa,
won't you
please
hear me
out?

AND
CAPTURE
AOI
FUKASAKU
ONCE
MORE.

KILL
THEM...

There's
no
reason
for us to
kill each
other!

We're
friendly
class-
mates!



KILL
THEM,
MEISA
ICHIKAWA.



Don't
listen
to that
creepy
scientist!

I won't say
anything
mean, so
come to
our side!



Don't
you see
that,
Ichi-
kawa?!

He's
just
using
you!



...that the
school ordered
the Cleanup
Crew to *kill*
us second-
years—us
defects.

Dr.
Coppelius
told us...



That's
exactly what
representative
Naruse said.

Ozu...



You think *you* have a grudge against them?! Well, I've got you beat!

I'm no yes-man! Not for the school or the government!



I was wrong about you, Ozu!

How could you go along with something so heartless?!



Why would you join forces with an elite student like her?! Why...? Why?!

Then why are you with the class representative?!



She's different from us. She's got no hesitation.

Just...

Maybe she's just stupid, but...



I dunno.

...

Don't
you
think...

...that's
a little
human?

She
doesn't
get caught
up in that
complex
stuff.

What's
right,
what's
wrong...

GLARE

MEISA
!

Come
with
us—

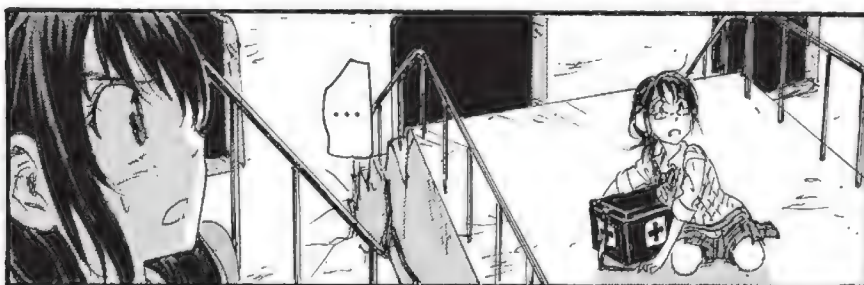
So...
come on,
Ichikawa.

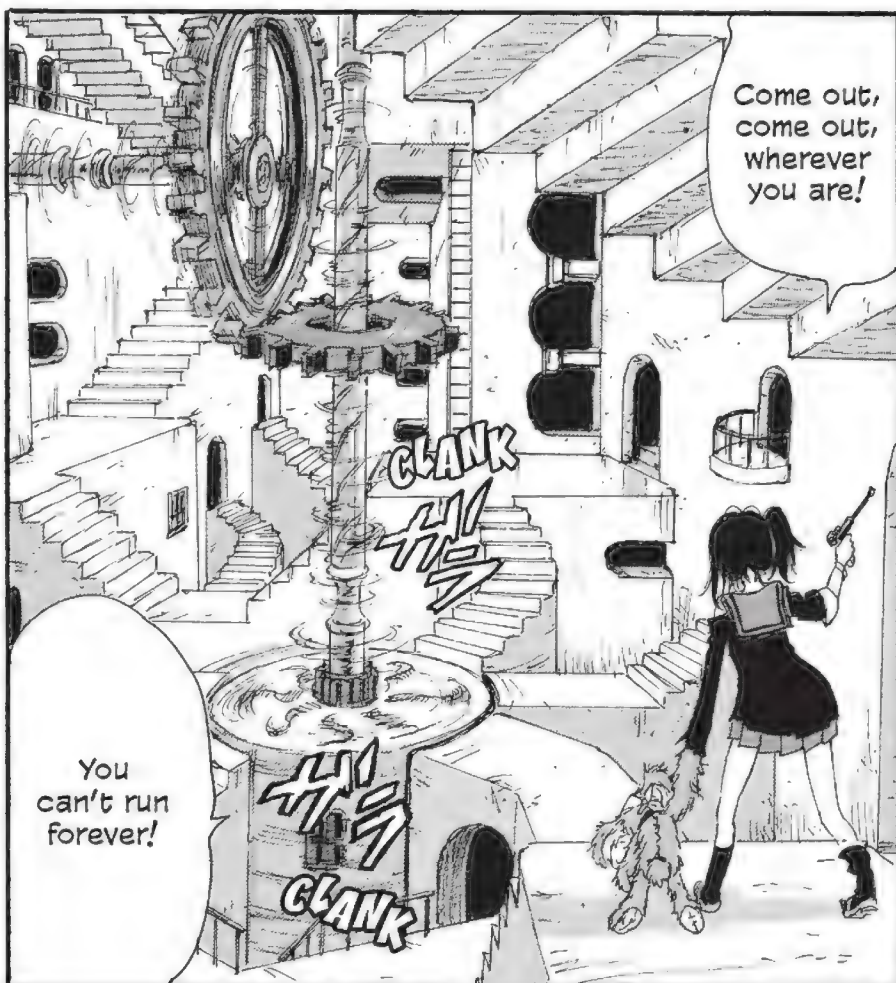
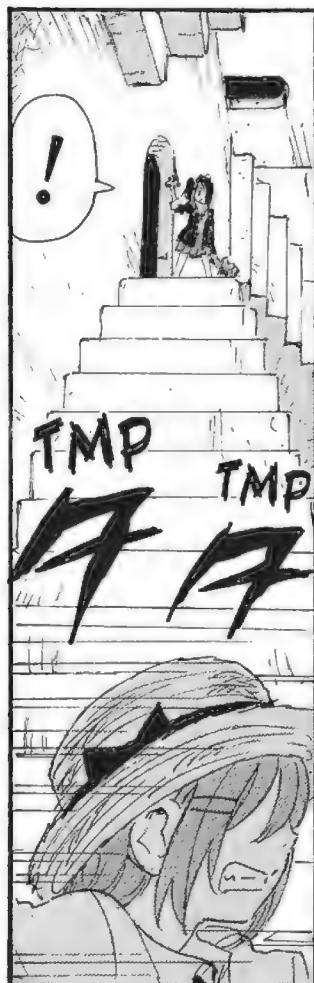
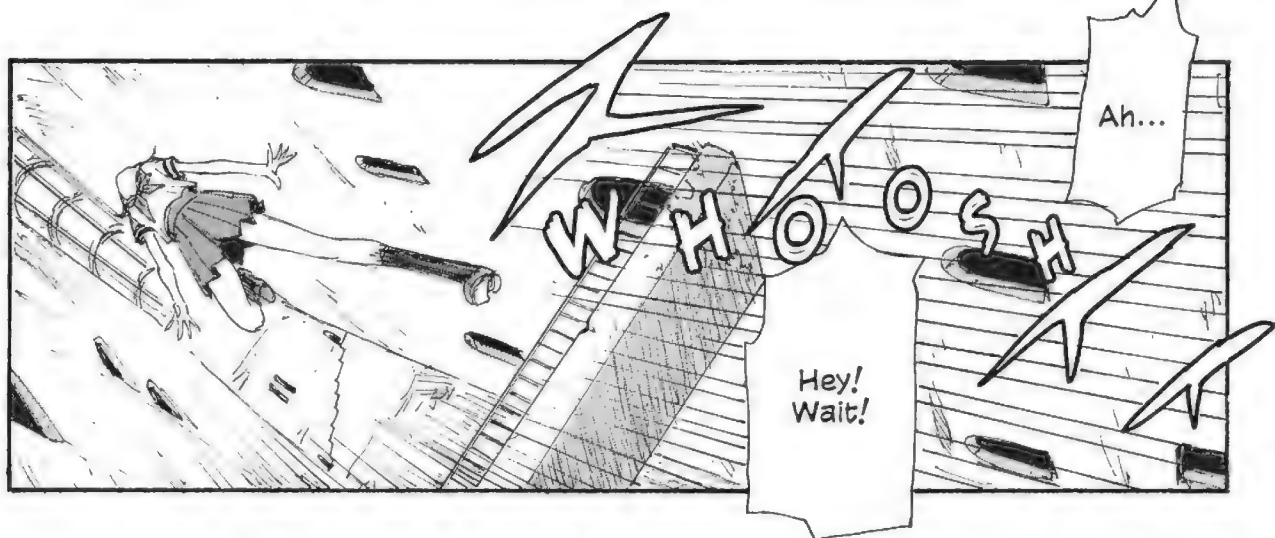
BSSH



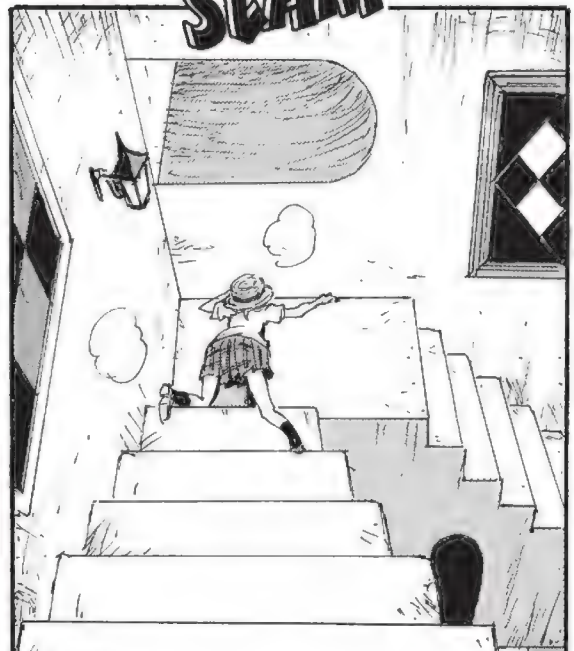












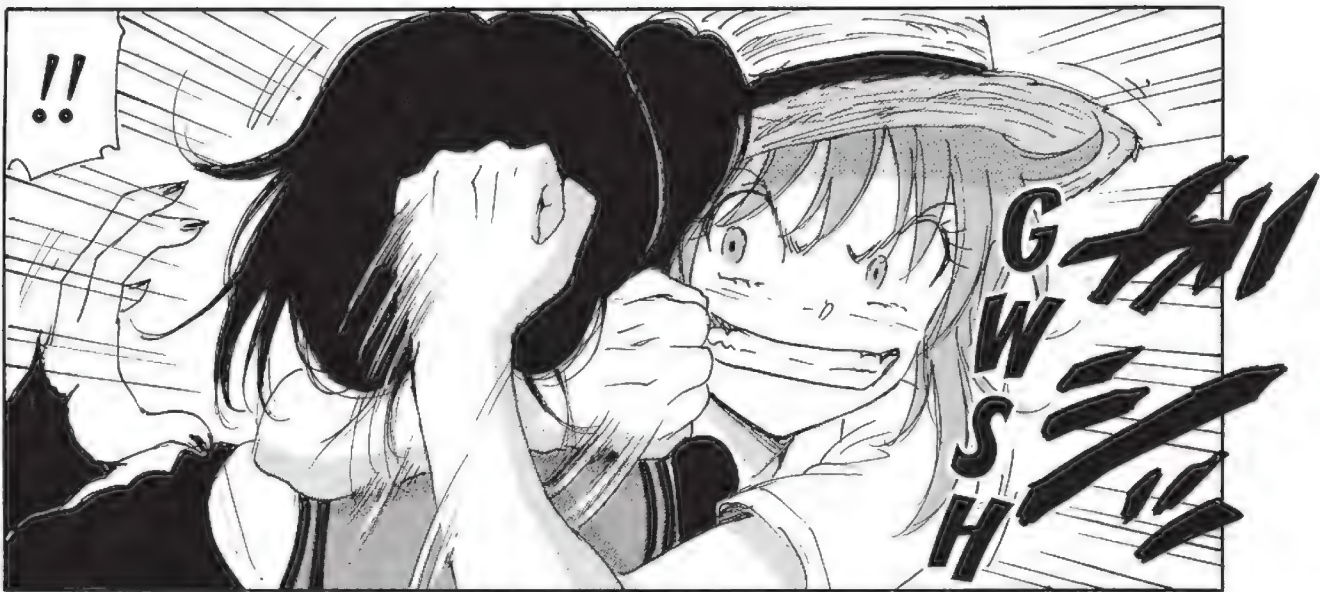






K...

Kanon
Ozu?!





Give him back!

Wait!



W...

TMP

TMP



... perfectly !!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE



The uniform switch worked...

Serves you right!

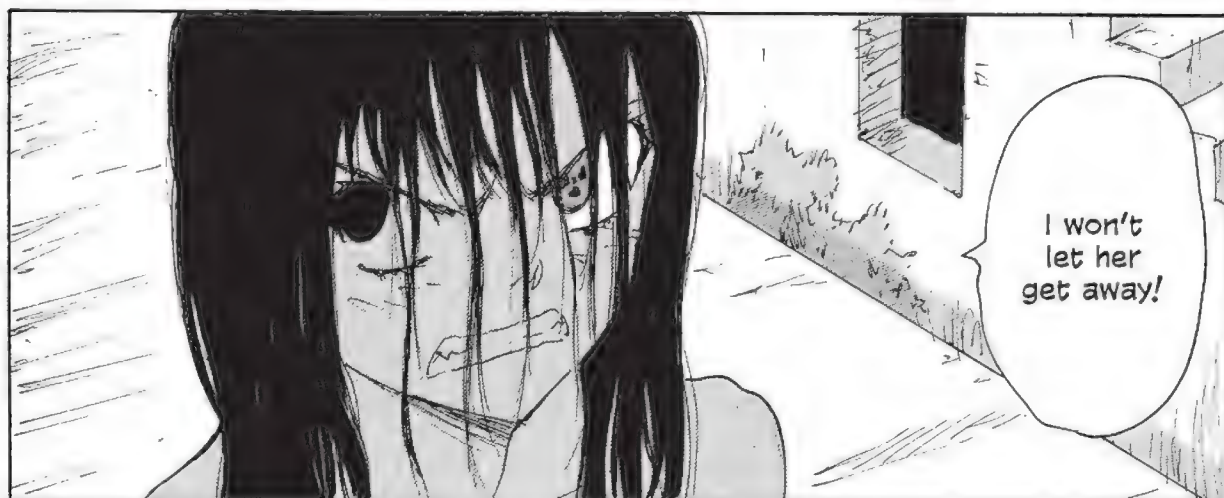


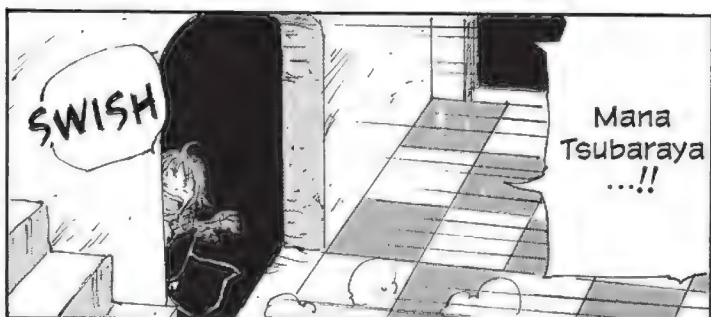
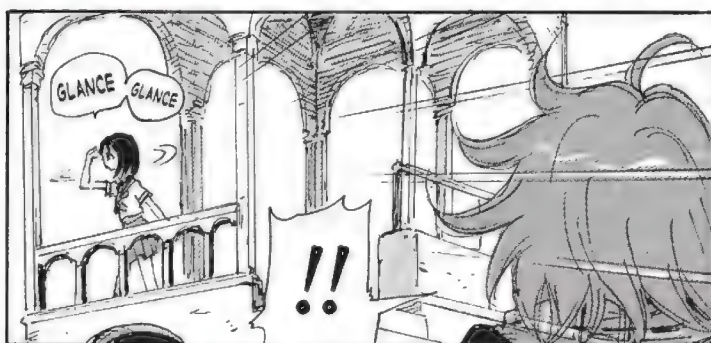
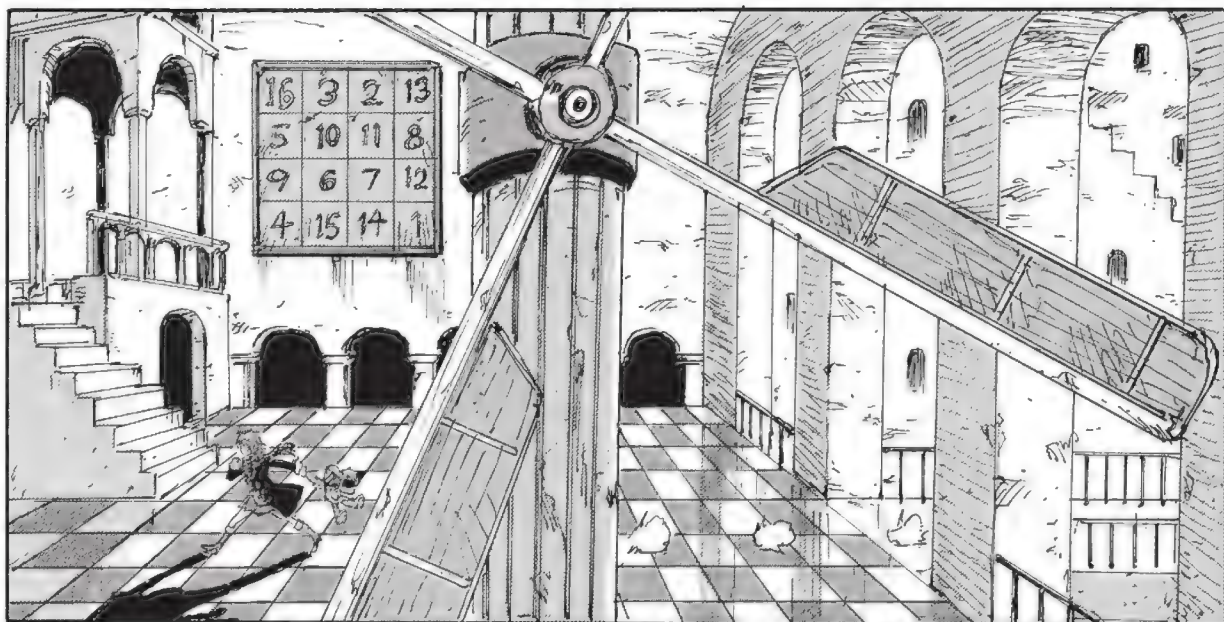
B-Break !!

?!

FSSH









Aoi!

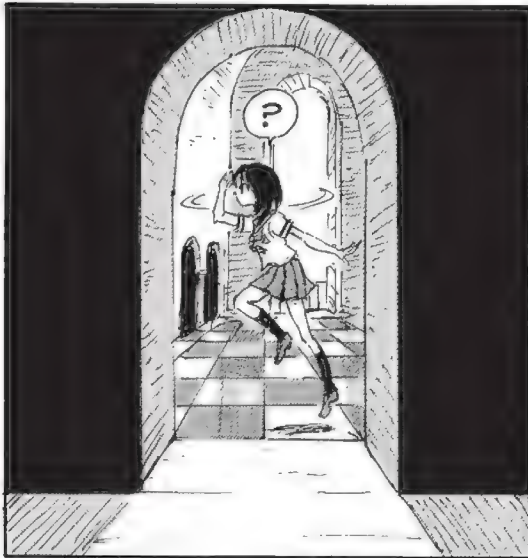
!



Stay quiet!

DASH

Grr!
You
stupid
rabbit!



?



Ibara!
Taeko!



...

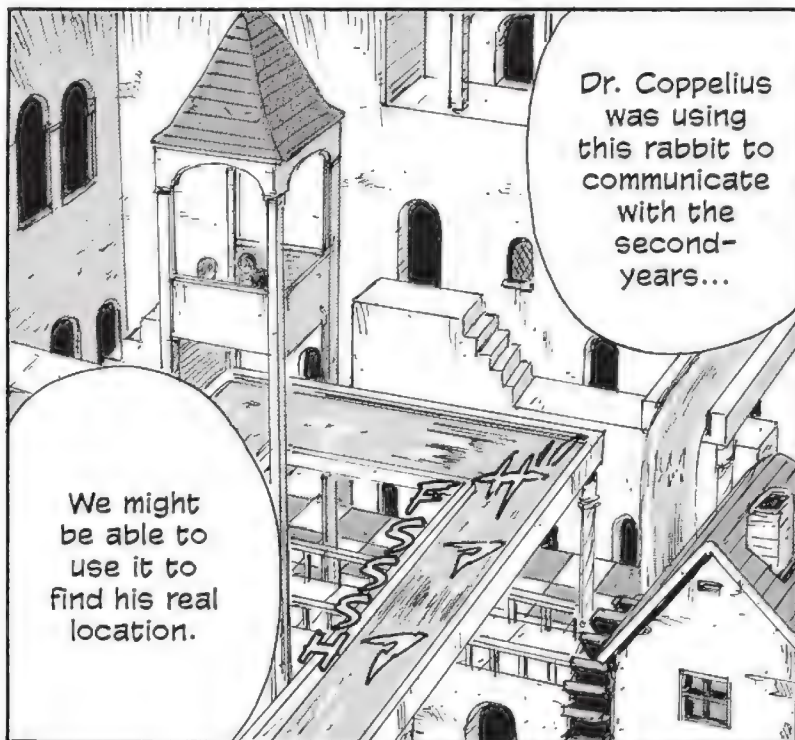
Shhh!
Quick,
down
here!



I got
the
rabbit!

So the
mission's
over,
right?!

Okay,
she's
gone!



Ibara, we're connected to Mr. Mushanokoji!



...a smartphone, a microphone, and a camera... Is that all?!

It's...



...then he must be using the same hijacked internet satellite line as us.

If he's using a wireless signal with it...



YOU SAY YOU FOUND A SMARTPHONE?

THIS IS MUSHANOKOJI IN NAGOYA!



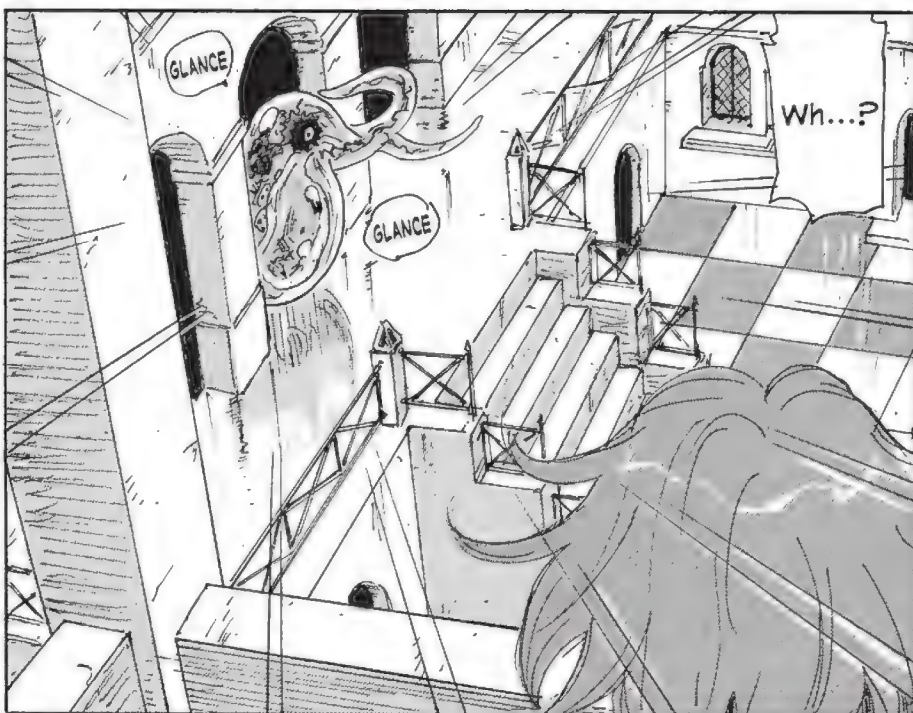
The call logs...

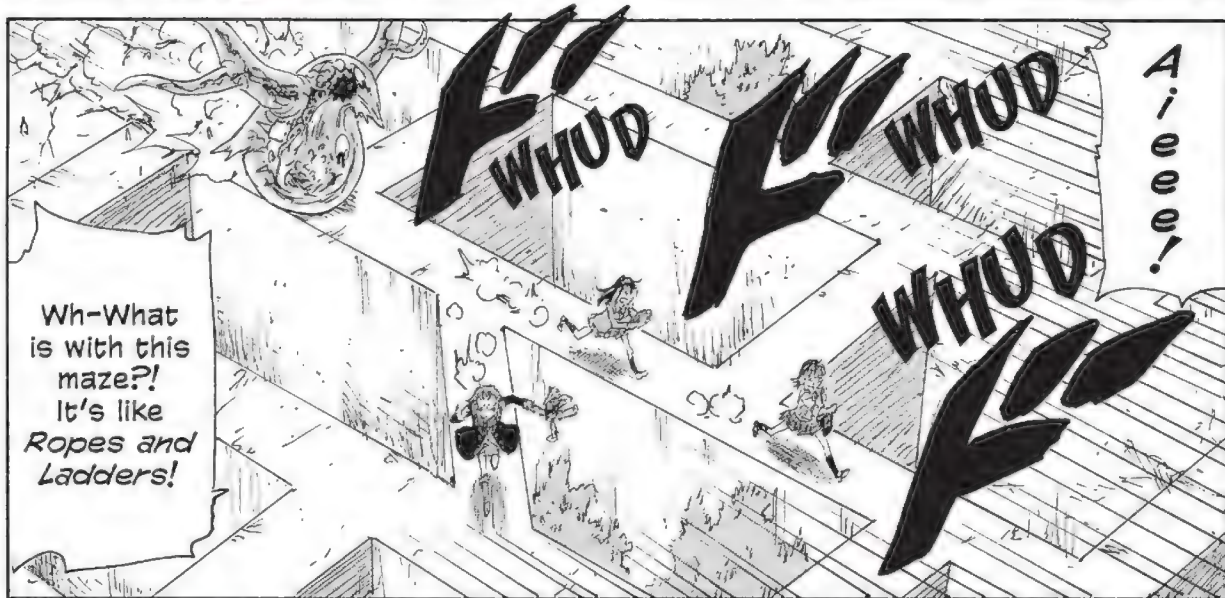
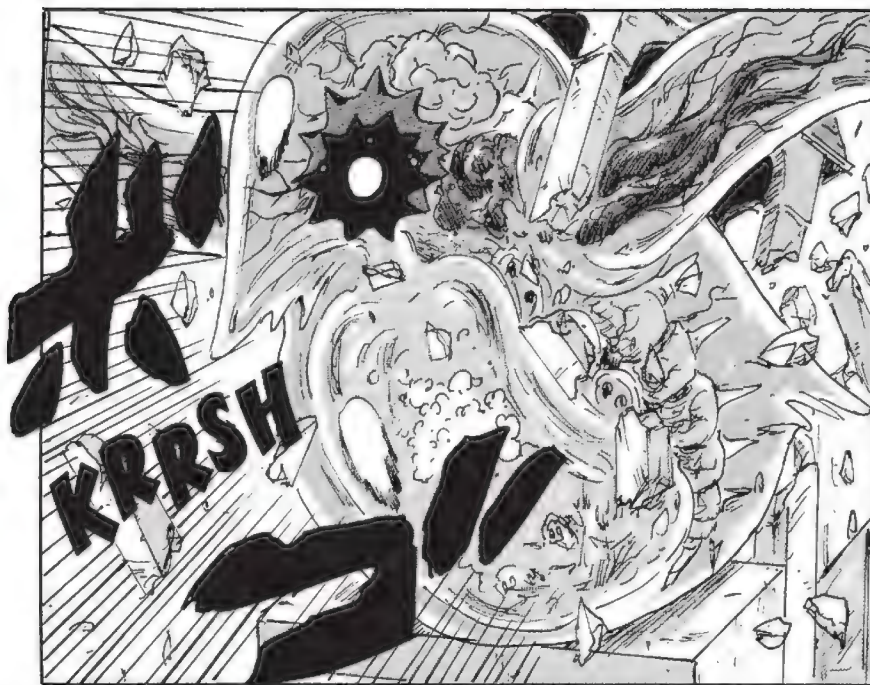
BEEP BEEP

CHECK THE CALL LOGS. WE CAN USE THAT TO FIND OUT WHERE HE'S TRANSMITTING FROM!









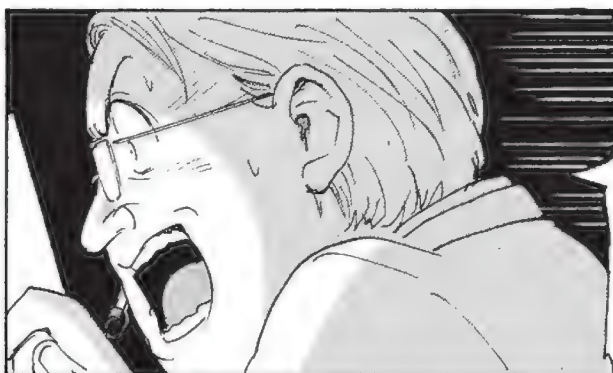


Does
that
help?!

Meisa's
been playing
an online
game here
in Tokyo!



VIDEO
GAMES!



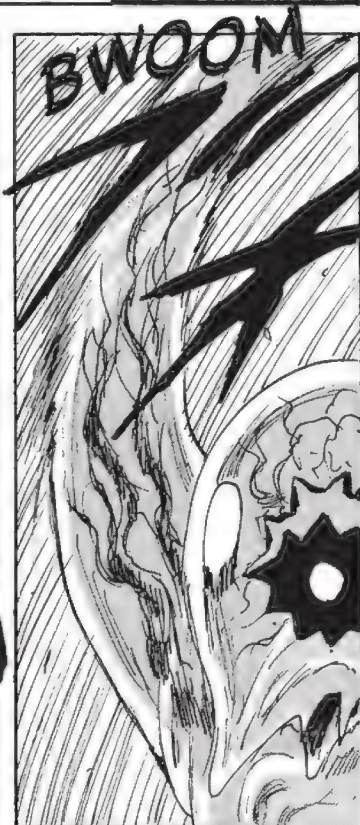
He very well could
have secretly
contacted Meisa
Ichikawa in an
online game!

Yes,
that's
perfect!



How can you
figure anything
out when we
don't even
know which
game it is—?

But
...





Uh...

Sounds great...

...for a user who's currently accessing a game server illegally from within the Tokyo area!

And if there is one such user...

...it could only be Meisa Ichikawa!



I've already started a search through every online game...



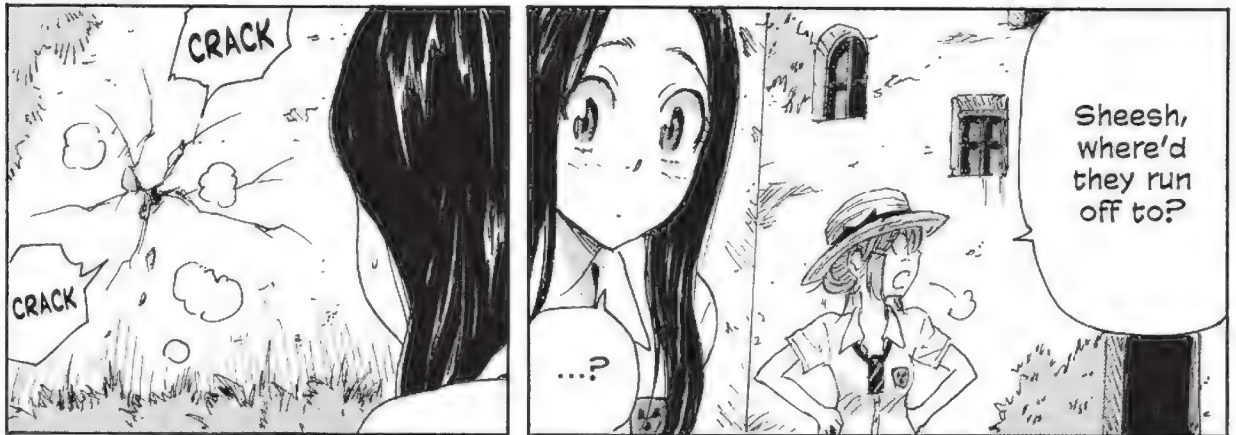
Roger!

But please hurry!



I NEED FIVE MINUTES!

SO HOLD OUT FOR THAT LONG!





THIS IS
MUSHA-
NOKOJI
IN
NAGOYA!

FVVT



Gyahaha!
He's
stuck!

WIGGLE WIGGLE

Oh boy!
Caught up in
some crazy
adventure as
usual, I see!



HERE WE
GO...
NAMES AND
ADDRESSES,
ONE AFTER
THE OTHER!
BWAAAAH!

HMM HMM

I'M
GRABBING
INFO ON THE
USERS FROM
HER FRIENDS
LIST NOW!



You're
lookin' for
somebody
clearly
outta the
ordinary—
some
suspicious
creep—
that'll be Dr.
Coppelius!

Good
job,
nerd!

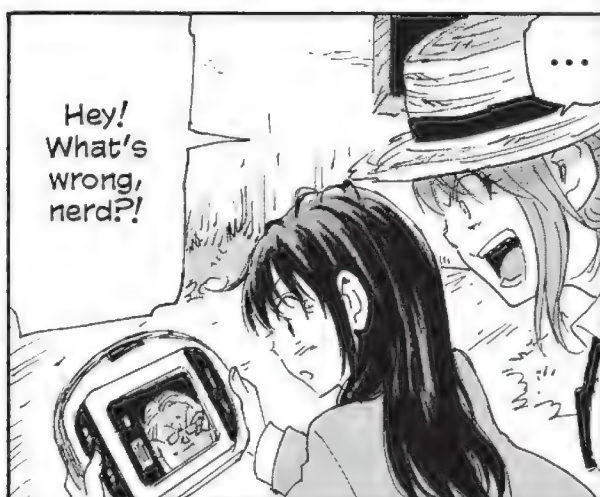


I isolated
one user in
the Tokyo
area who's
been gaming
all day lately!

We did it,
Miss Rep!

CLACK

It has to
be Meisa
Ichikawa!

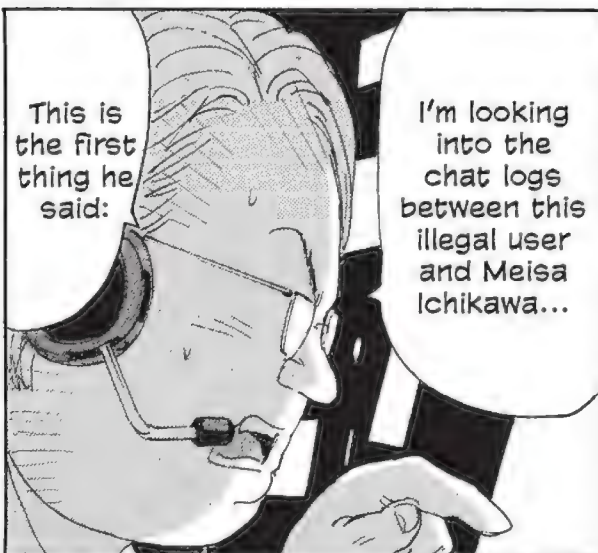


Phase.32[Problem on the Nagoya Front]



Dr.
Coppelius
...

...is in
Nagoya?!



This is
the first
thing he
said:

I'm looking
into the
chat logs
between this
illegal user
and Meisa
Ichikawa...



It's got
to be
some
kind of
mix-
up, Mr.
Musha-
nokoji!

But
that's
crazy...



"HELLO,
THERE.
IT'S BEEN
SOME
TIME..."

"...MY
DARLING
DOLL."



This is Dr.
Coppelius!



There's
no
mistake.



Find
him and
take
him in!

Where
exactly in
Nagoya
is he?!

Alright,
nerd!



MORON!
DON'T
TELL THE
GOVERNMENT
A THING!

?!



If we tell
Secretary
Ougai,
they'll
find Dr.
Coppelius
right
away...

Why
not,
Kanon?

Huh
?!



O-Oh, right!
I should
contact the
government
and widen the
search net—

I'm
narrowing
down his
location
now!

TAK
TAK

KREE



They're
afraid he's
gonna leak
government
secrets!

It's
obvious
!



Why do you
think the
government is
so desperate
to get their
hands on Dr.
Coppelius?



*Top
secret
info...*

*...about us
Coppelion.*



If the
government
were to
capture
Dr.
Coppelius
...

Then
...



BUT THE
GOVERN-
MENT
DOES
SEEM
OVERLY
JUMPY
ABOUT
HIM.

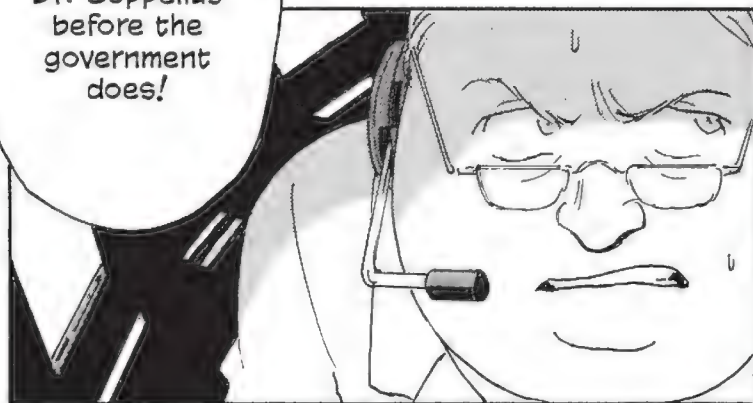
I DON'T
HAVE
ANYTHING
TO DO
WITH
THIS...



If we wanna
get our hands
on a gold mine
of info about
the Coppelion
Project...

Do
you
get
it?

...then we
gotta get to
Dr. Coppelius
before the
government
does!



Then the truth
will remain
shrouded in
mystery.



You
got a
problem
with
that?

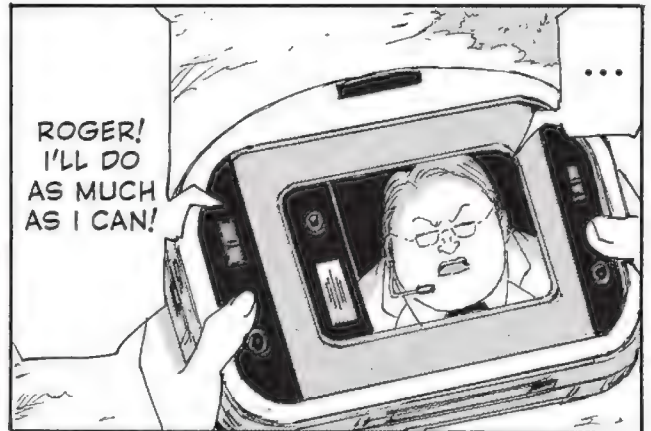
The
hell's
with
you...?

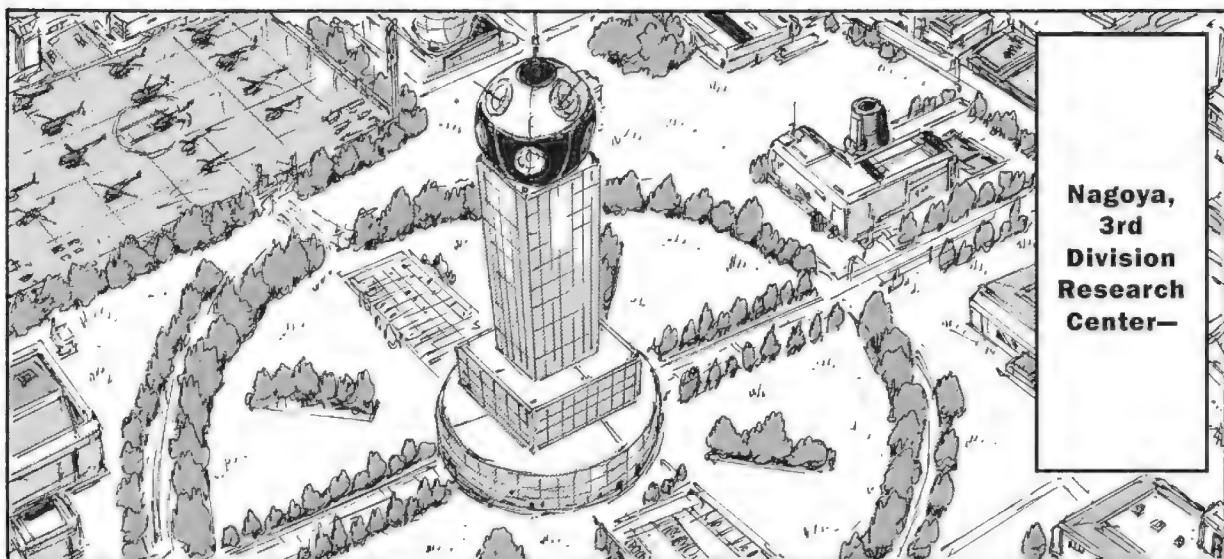
Ibara
Naruse?!



You just
wanna
know...
why you
were made.

That's
what you're
after,
Kanon?





Nagoya,
3rd
Division
Research
Center—



That
Musha-
nokoji
...

VMMM

FWIP

Tch...



Lt.
Ibuse,
over
here!



Not that
I have
anything
else to
do!

What's he
want me
for all of
a sudden?

CLOP



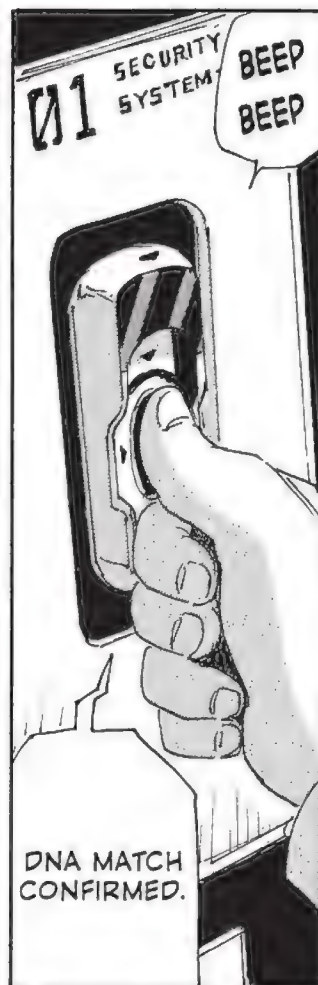
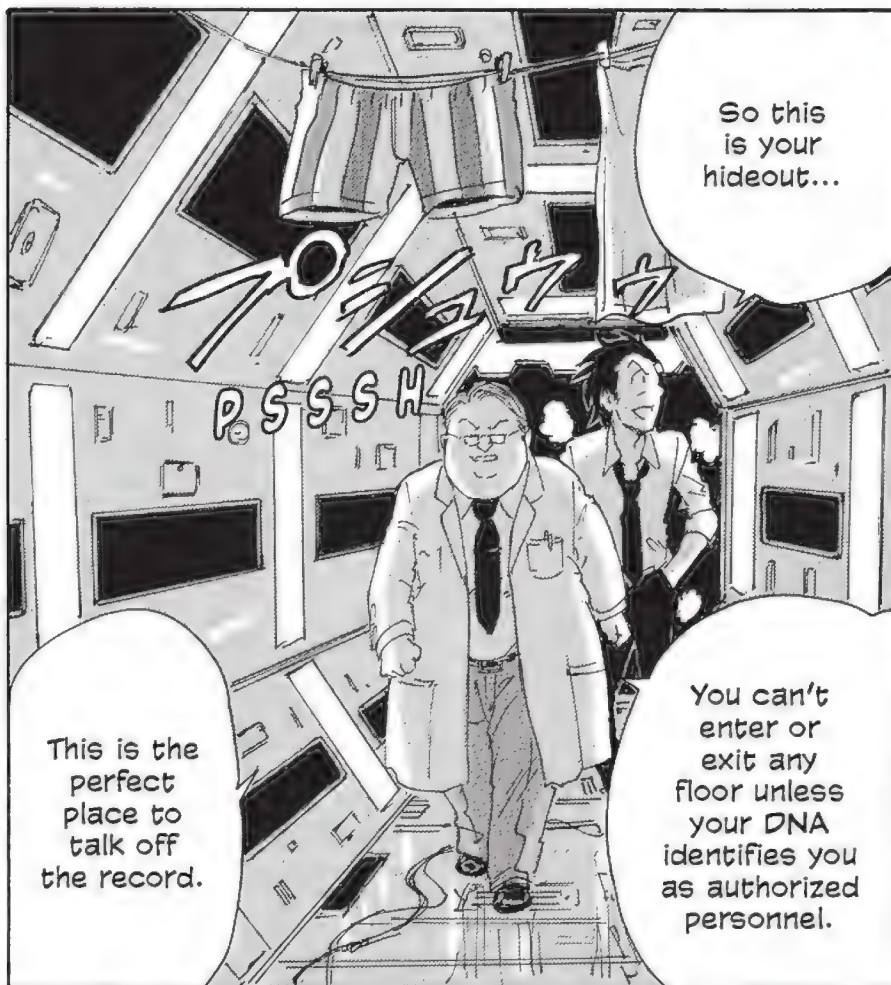
What're
you
hiding
for?

GLANCE

GLANCE

Hey,
Musha-
nokoji!

CLOP





So we're gonna find Dr. Coppelius before the government can.

I got it...



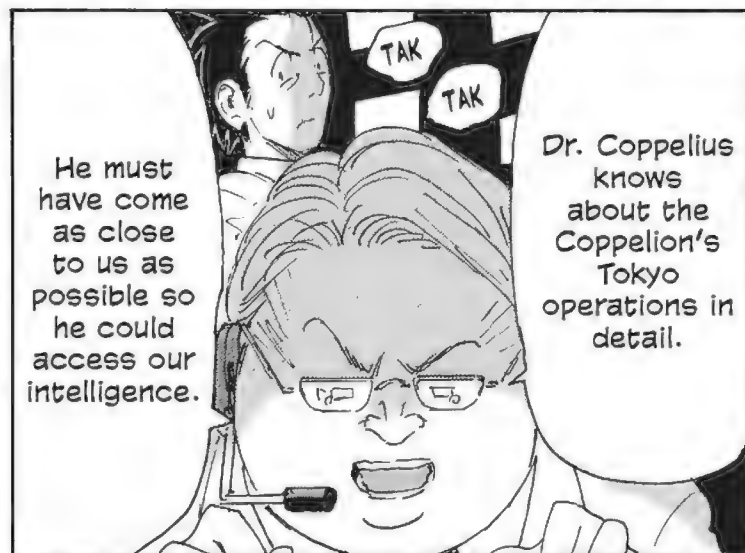
Why would he hide out here in Nagoya?

I don't understand this Dr. Coppelius guy at all...



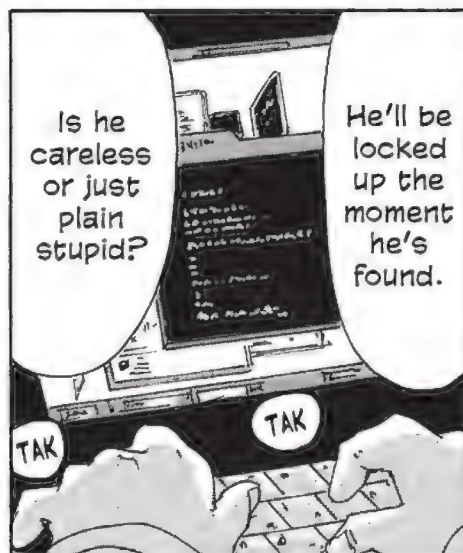
Just you watch... I *will* track him down!

I'm hacking into the game server now.



He must have come as close to us as possible so he could access our intelligence.

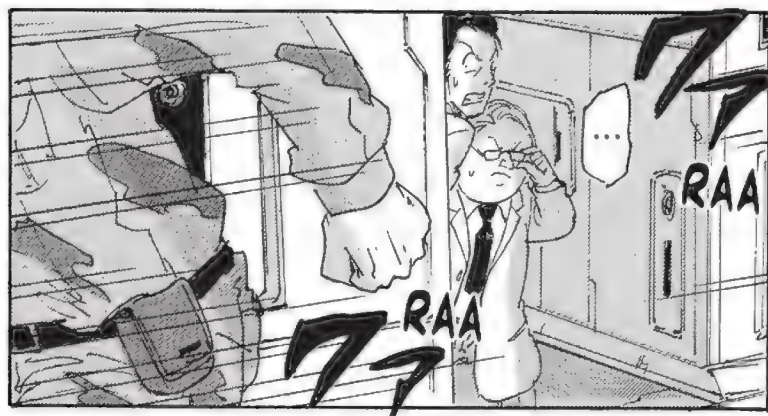
Dr. Coppelius knows about the Coppelion's Tokyo operations in detail.



Is he careless or just plain stupid?

He'll be locked up the moment he's found.







Our
choppers
are
blowing
up one
after
another!

Huh?!
What
the hell
is going
on?!



We have
our own
problem
to worry
about!

Lt.
Ibuse!



Put
out the
fires!

There
are
bombs
on the
heli-
copters!





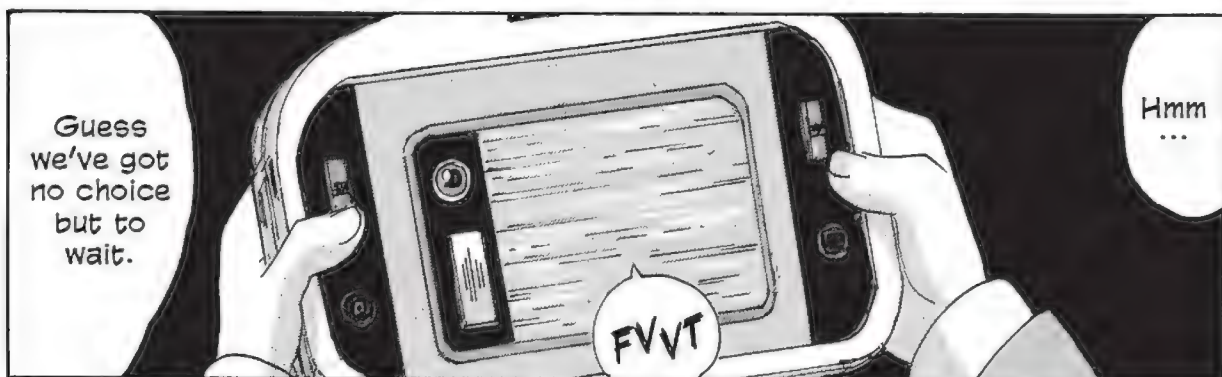
Bad
signal or
something?

Perhaps
something
came up
and he had
to leave his
seat?



Huh?
It's not
getting
through
...

Hellooo
?!



Guess
we've got
no choice
but to
wait.

Hmm
...

FVVT



None
of the
computers
will turn
on!

What's
going
on?!

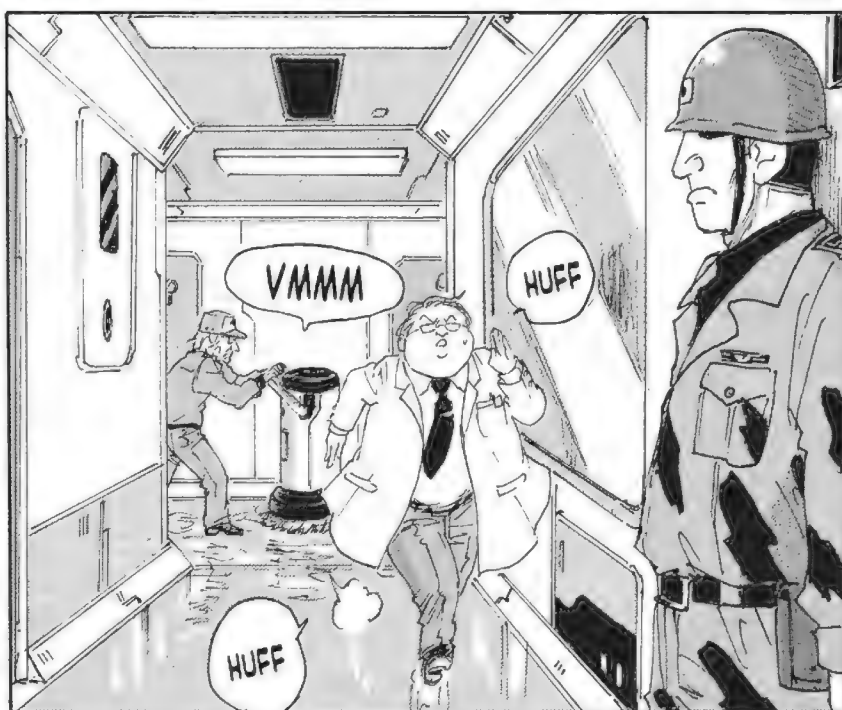
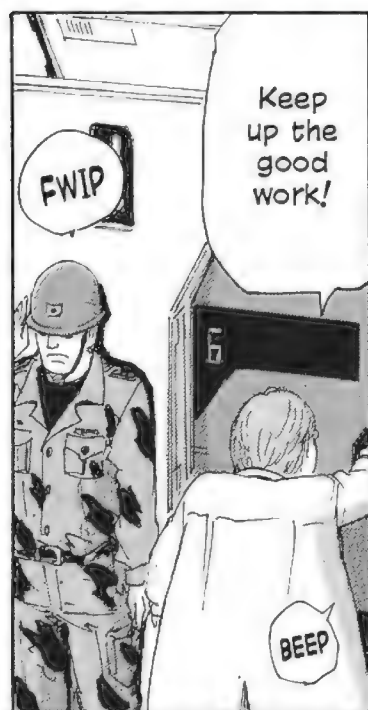
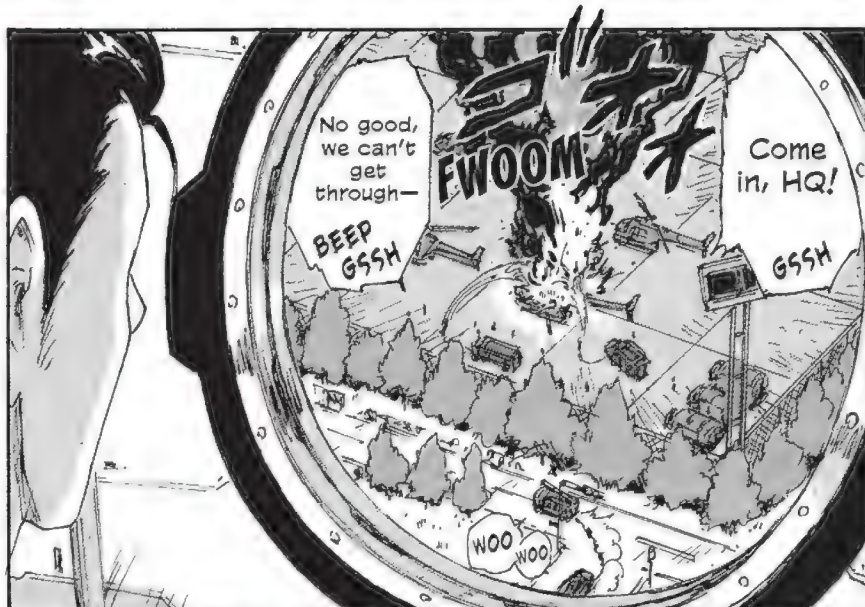
But
we've
still got
power...

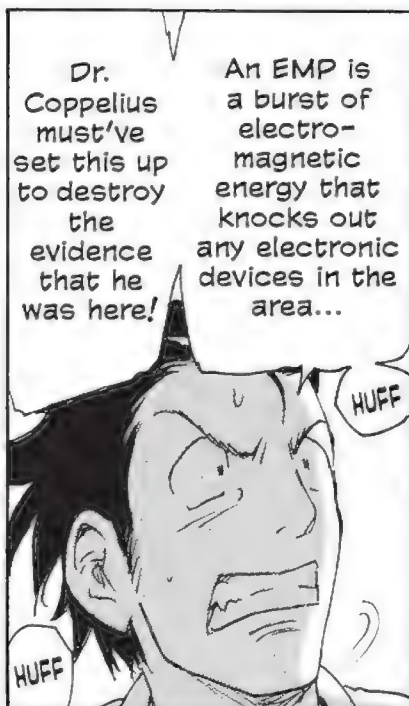


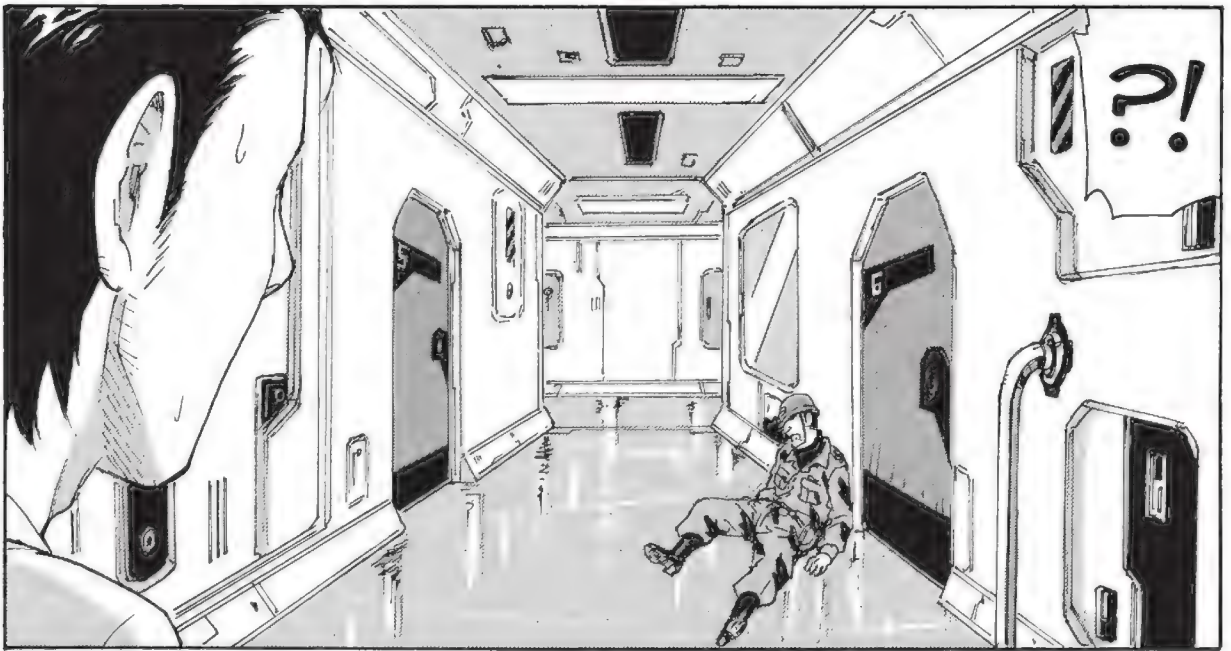
Hey...

TAK TAK

What
the
heck?!

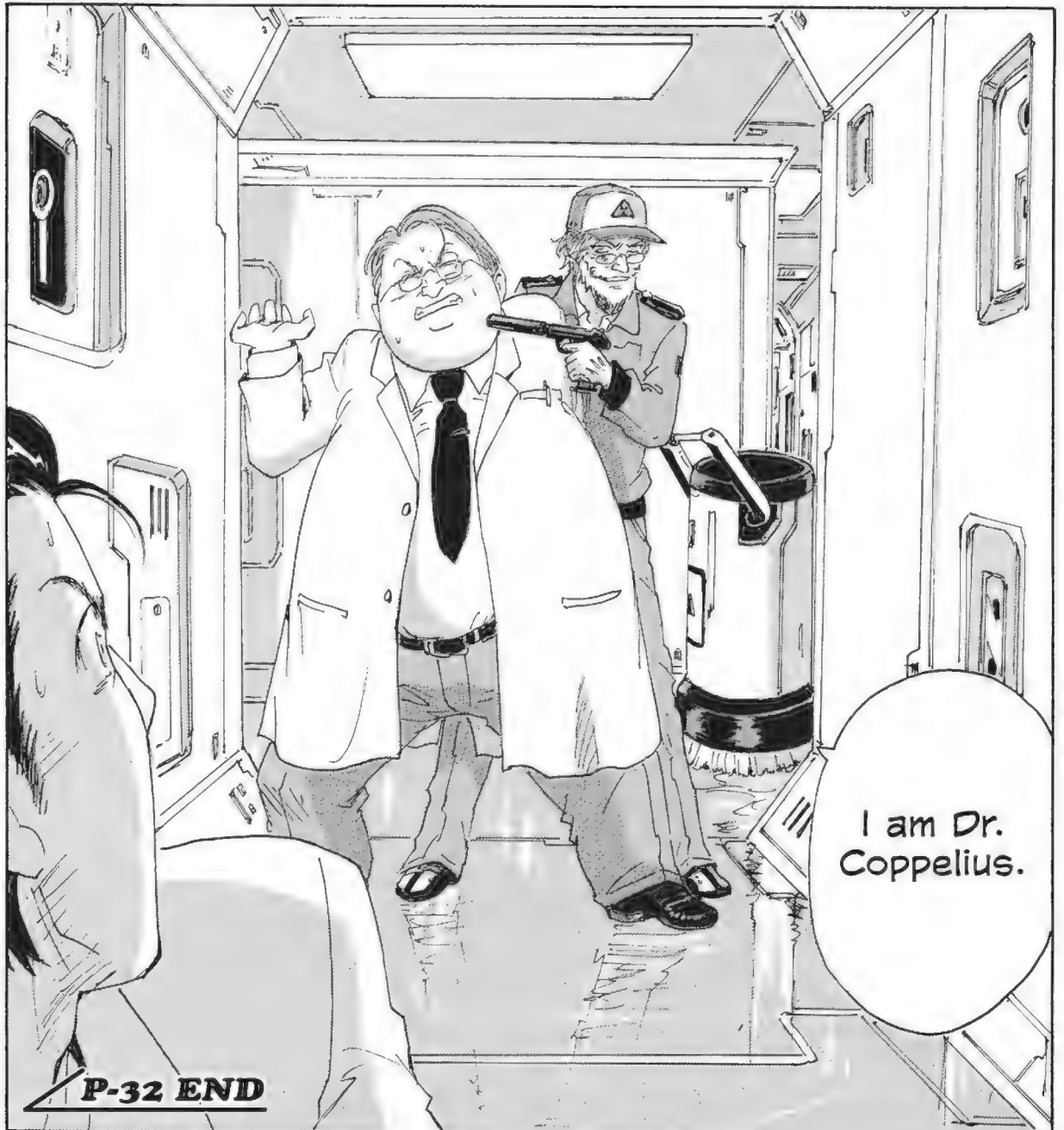






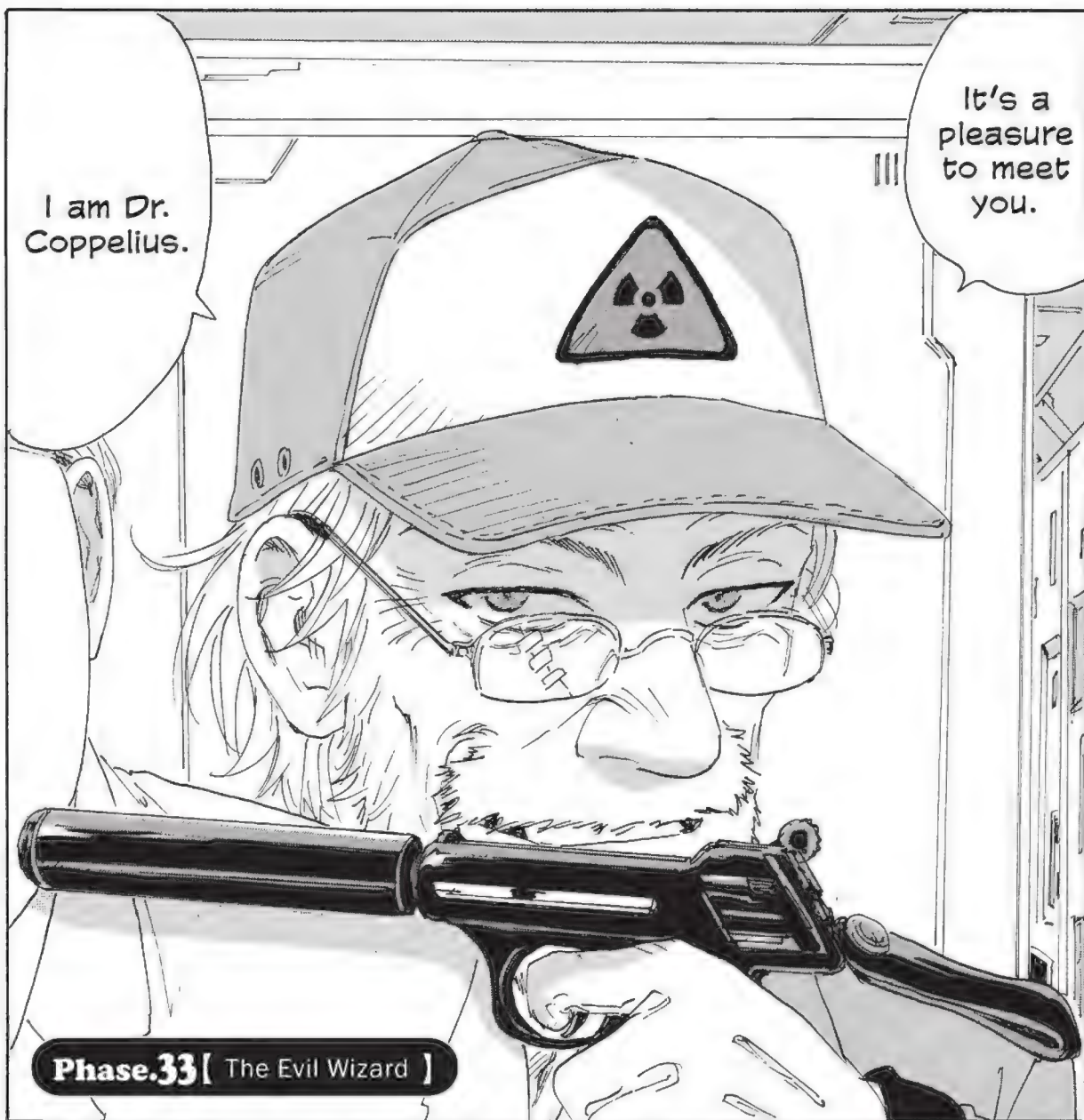


It's a
pleasure
to meet
you.



I am Dr.
Coppelius.

P-32 END





Put
down the
gun...

...before
your friend
gets hurt.



Like how
you can
get this
Musha-
nokoji
fellow
to do
anything
as long
as you
feed him.

I know
many
things.



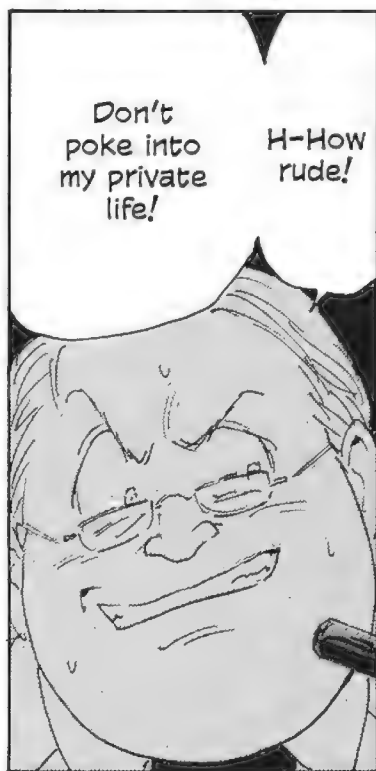
...do
you
know
my
name
?!

How
...



This is the
JGSDF's
turf! There's
nowhere for
you to run!

Cool
down, Dr.
Coppelius!



Don't
poke into
my private
life!

H-How
rude!



...

Was there
some kind
of explosion
outside?

This place
is awfully
light on
guards...

Or is
there
...?







Gahh...



Kh...

P-Pull
yourself
together!
I'll patch
you up!

FWAP!!



Shit
!!
Hold
it!!

Ahh
...!



That
bastard...
He's not
getting
away!

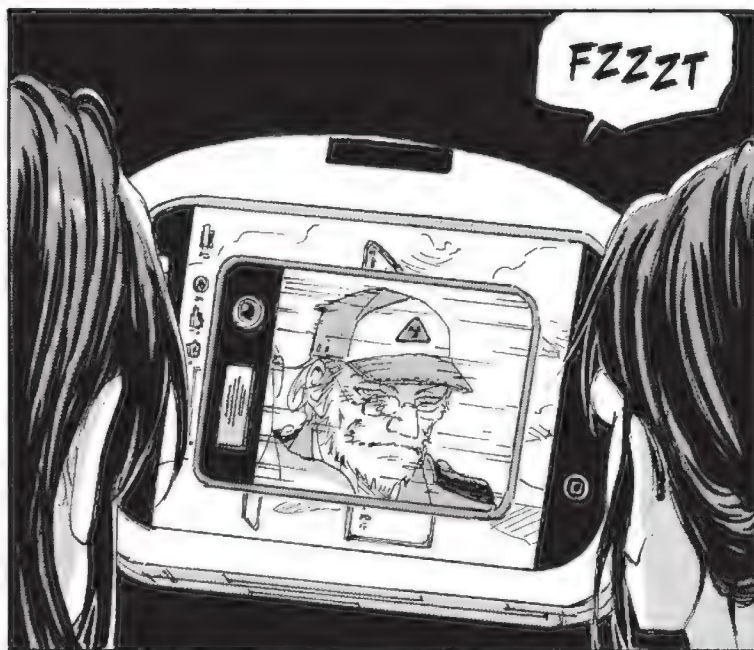
DASH



I-It's
just a
scratch!

Go
after
him!

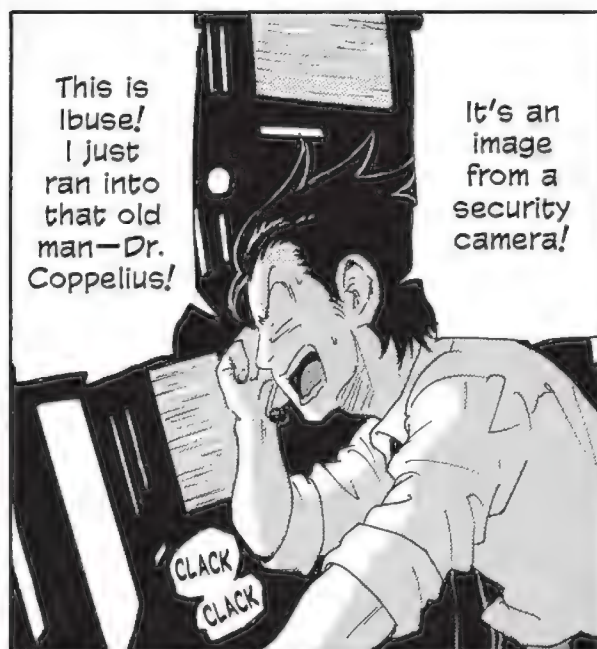
!





This
guy's—

What
?!



This is
louse!
I just
ran into
that old
man—Dr.
Coppelius!

It's an
image
from a
security
camera!

CLACK
CLACK



Dr.
Coppelius
?!

The man
behind
the
rabbit...



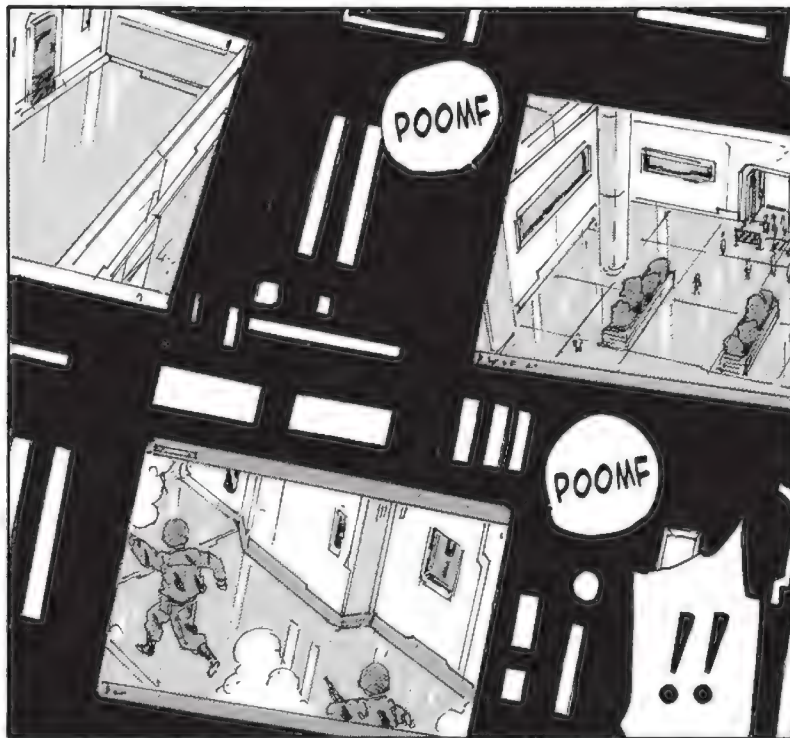
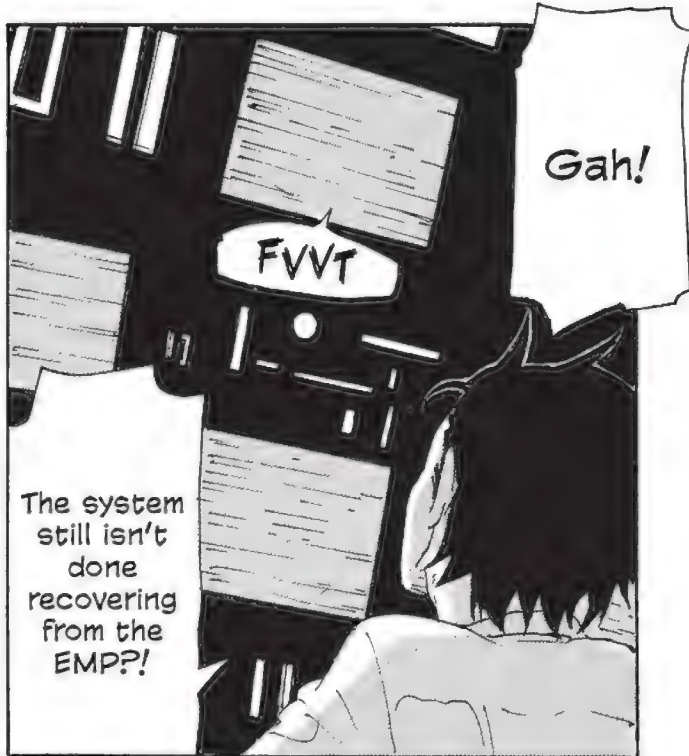
Ibara?
What's
wrong?

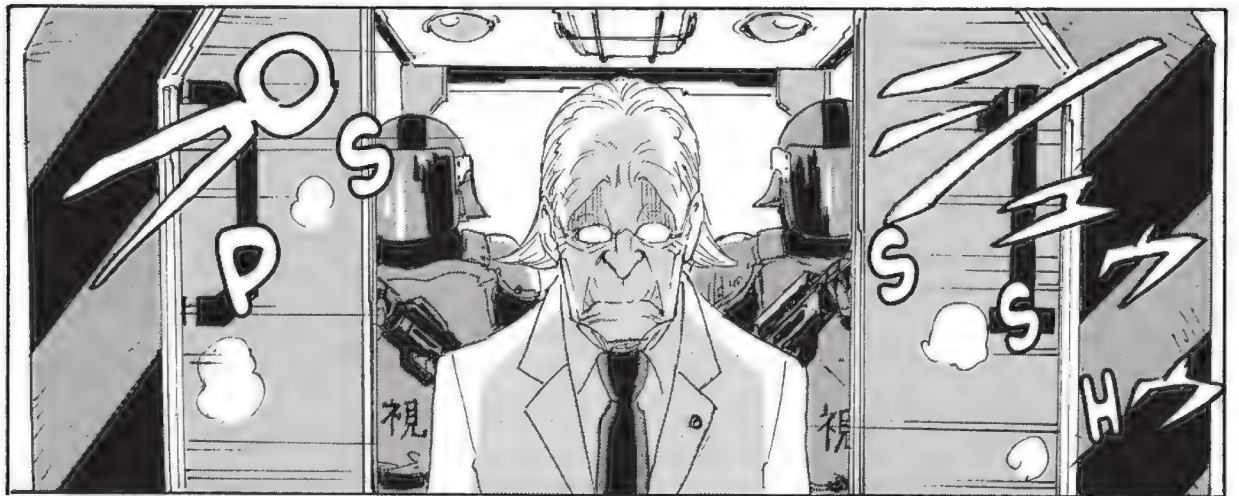


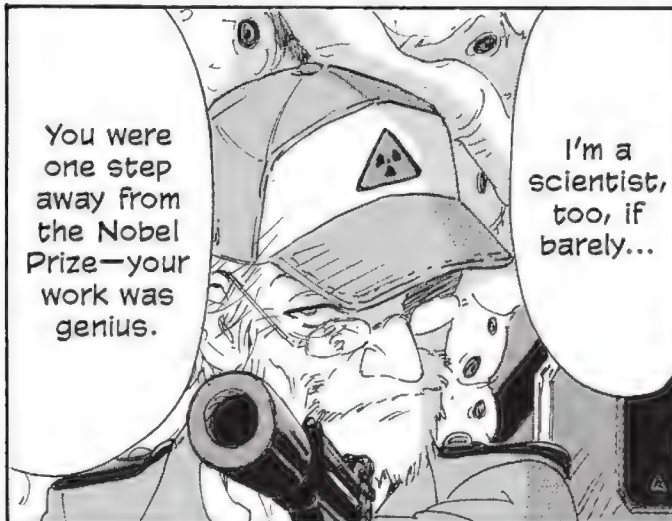
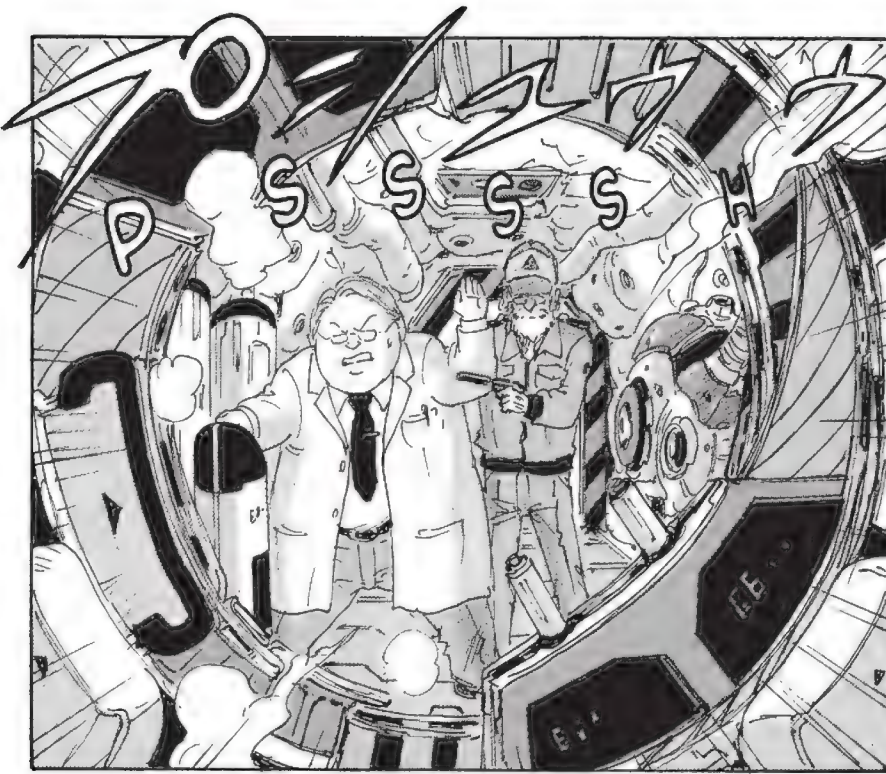
I didn't
expect
him to be
such an
old man.

Huh...?

...?







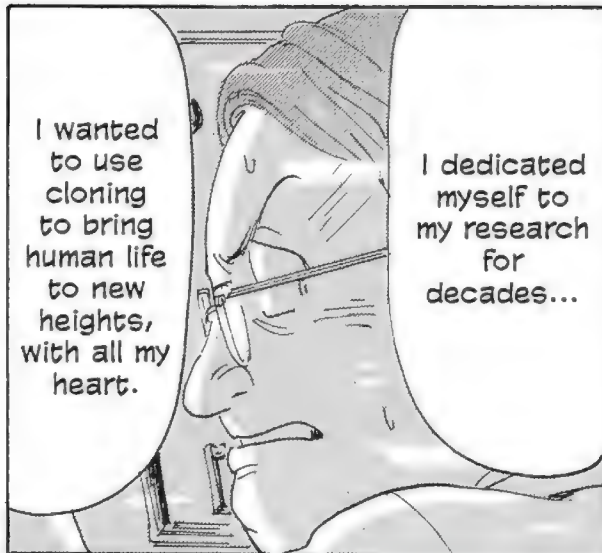


...any man who stoops to criminal acts like this isn't fit to be called a scientist!

No matter the grudge you may hold against the government, against society...

I'm disappointed in what you've become!

But ...



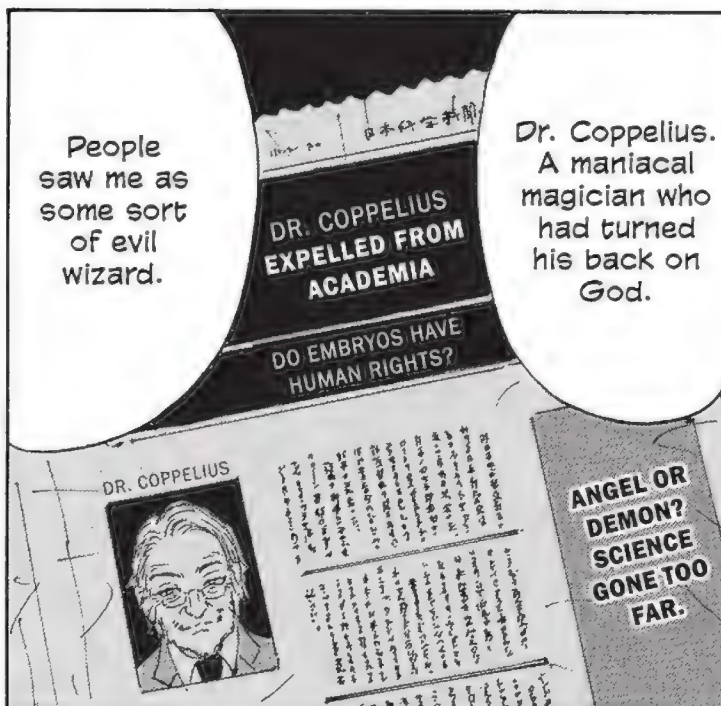
I wanted to use cloning to bring human life to new heights, with all my heart.

I dedicated myself to my research for decades...



They stripped the title of "scientist" from me long, long ago.

Musha-nokoji.



People saw me as some sort of evil wizard.

Dr. Coppelius. A maniacal magician who had turned his back on God.



...when the technology was finally on the brink of completion, what did the world think of it?

And then...



They kill each other, steal from each other... and revel in ecstasy over their spoils.

In the end, humans prefer their differences, their inequality.



What part of that was evil?

All I wanted was to give new arms to children who'd lost them.



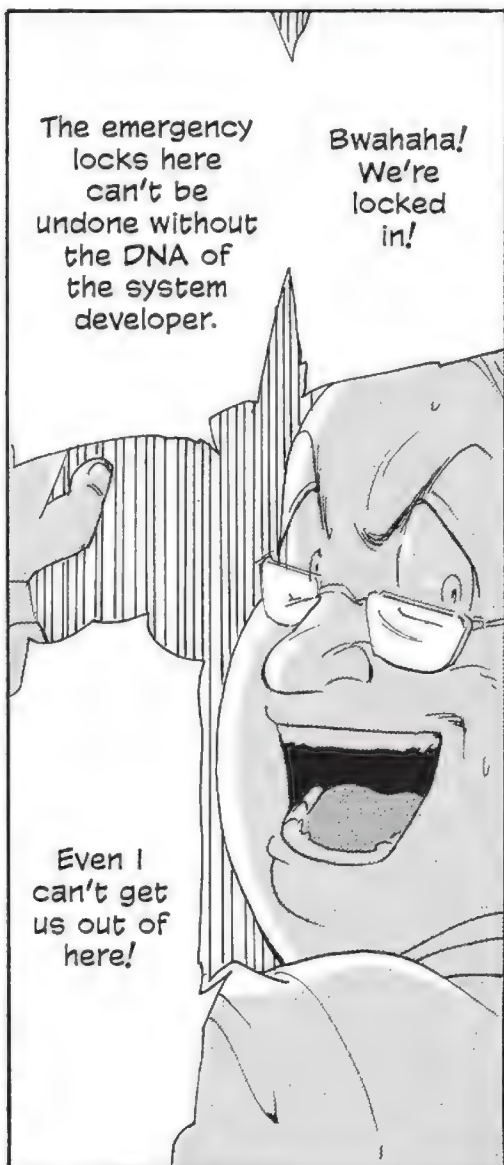
If humanity is so against progressing and maturing as a species...

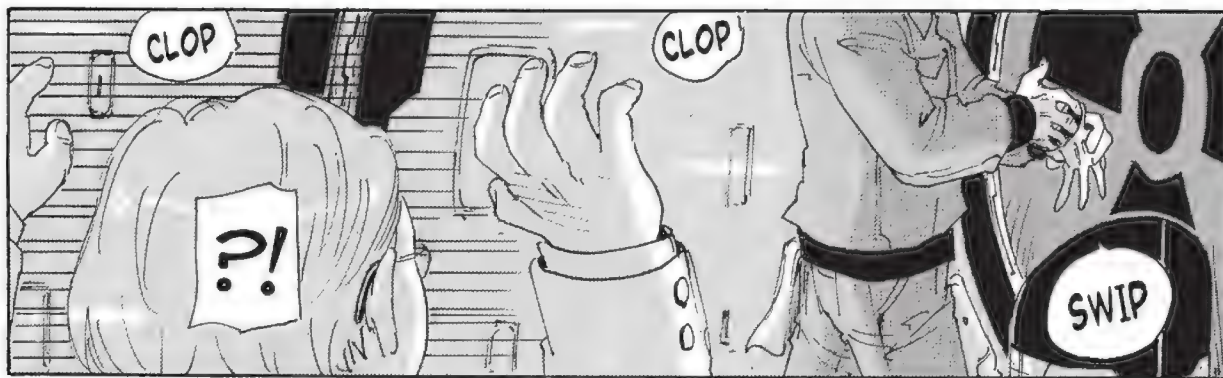
And so I made up my mind.



...a life-form superior to humans—the *ultimate* life-form—

...then I shall show them...

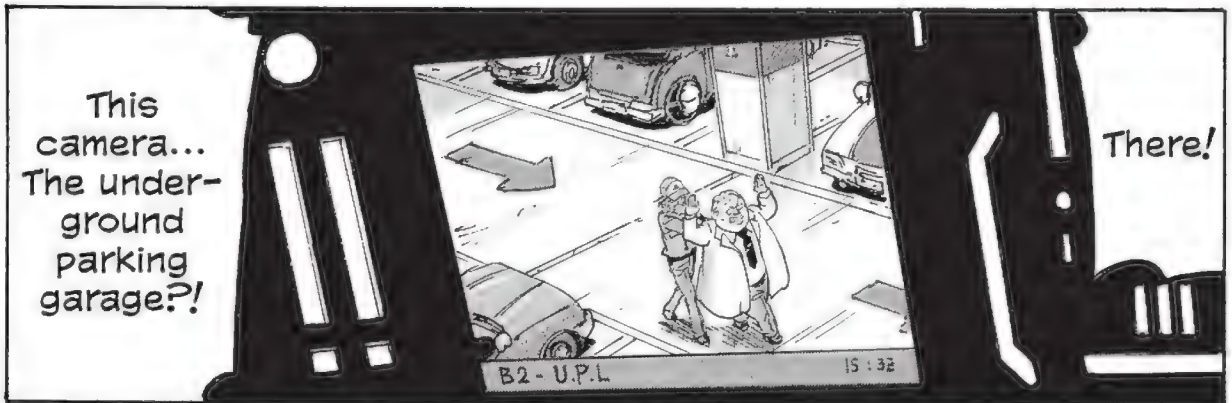






Come on, you damn rabbit!

Tch... Where the hell are they?!



This camera... The underground parking garage?!

There!



Musha-nokoji!



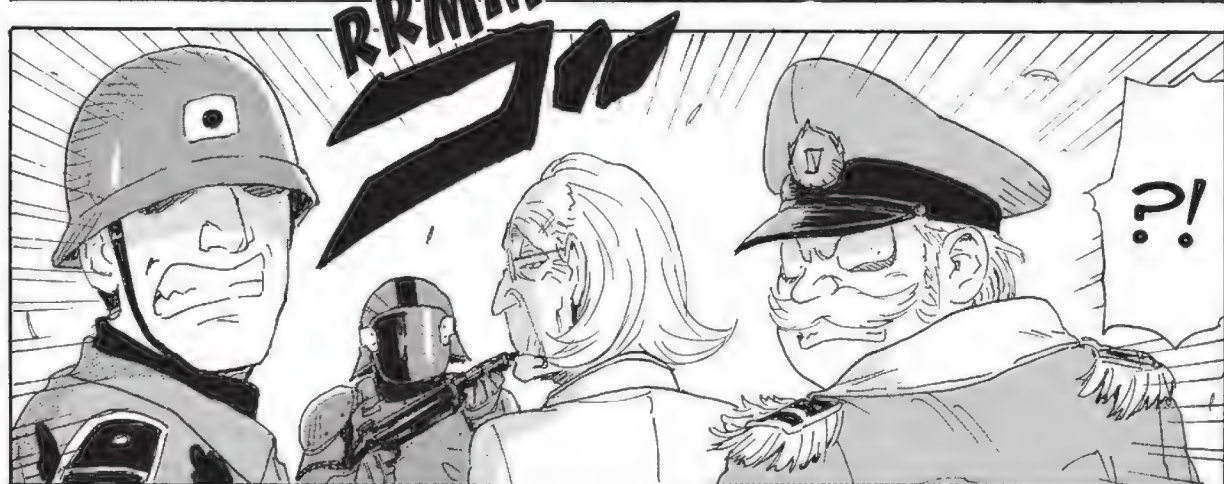
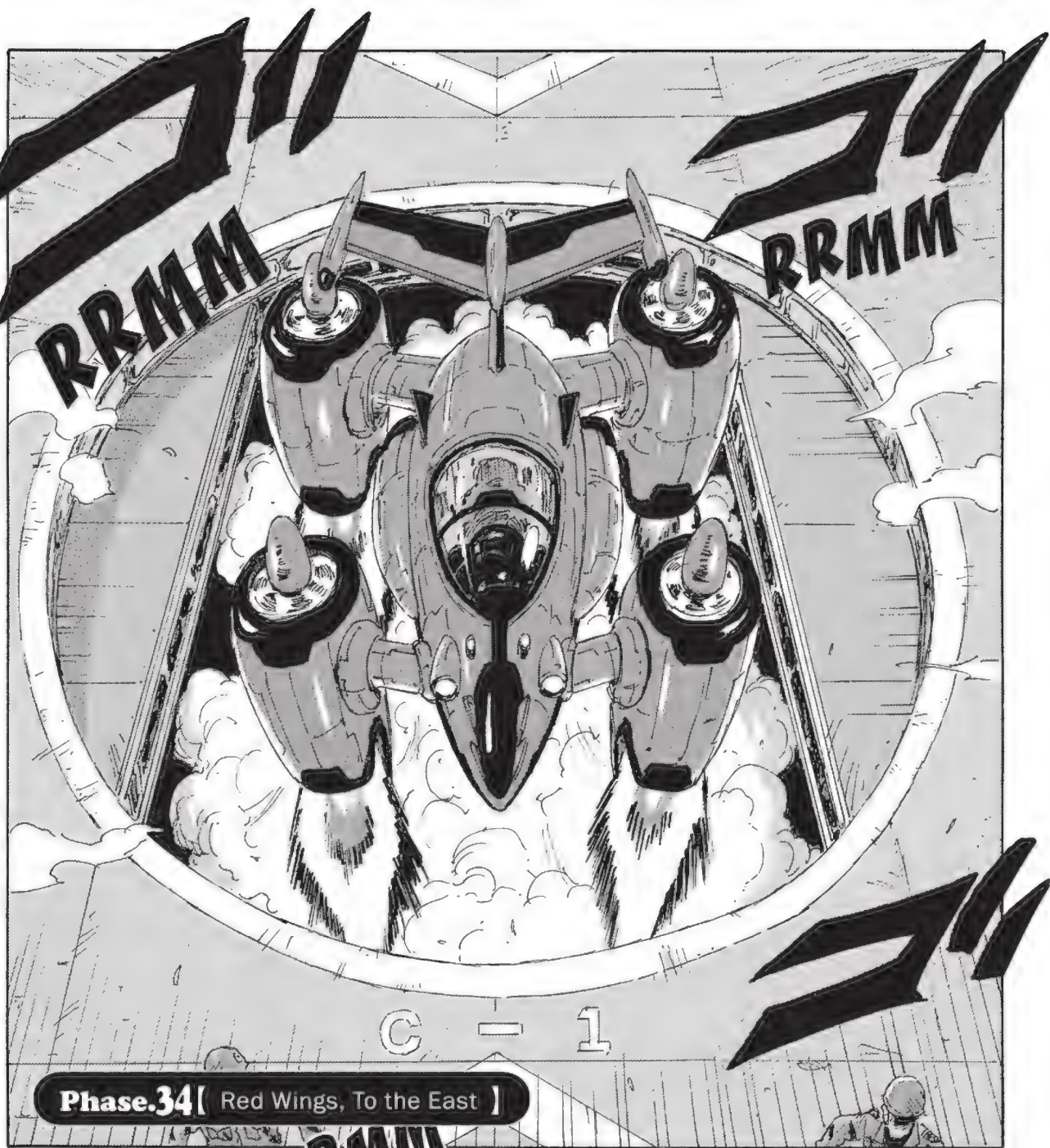
DING

CLACK

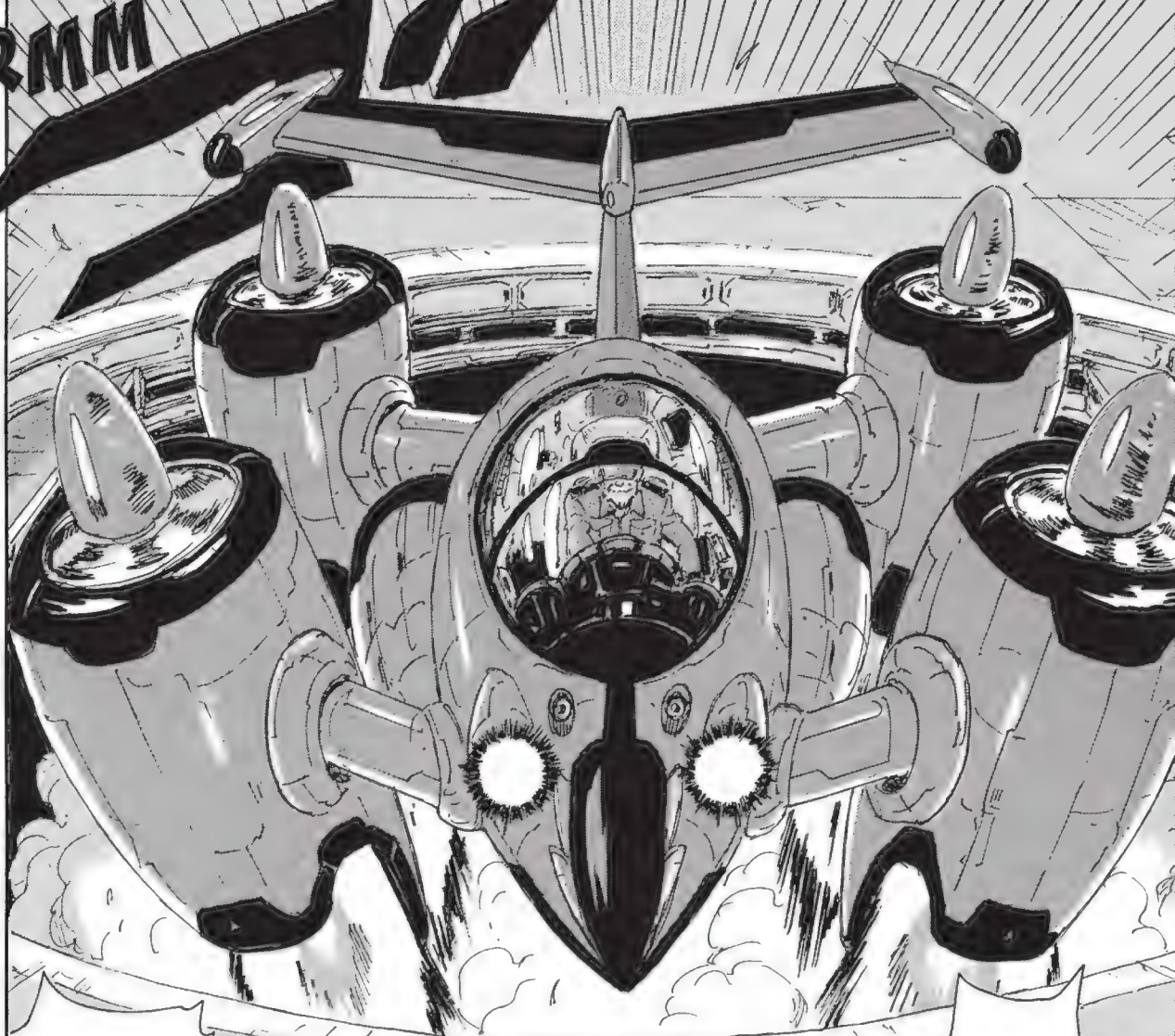
FWAP







RRMM

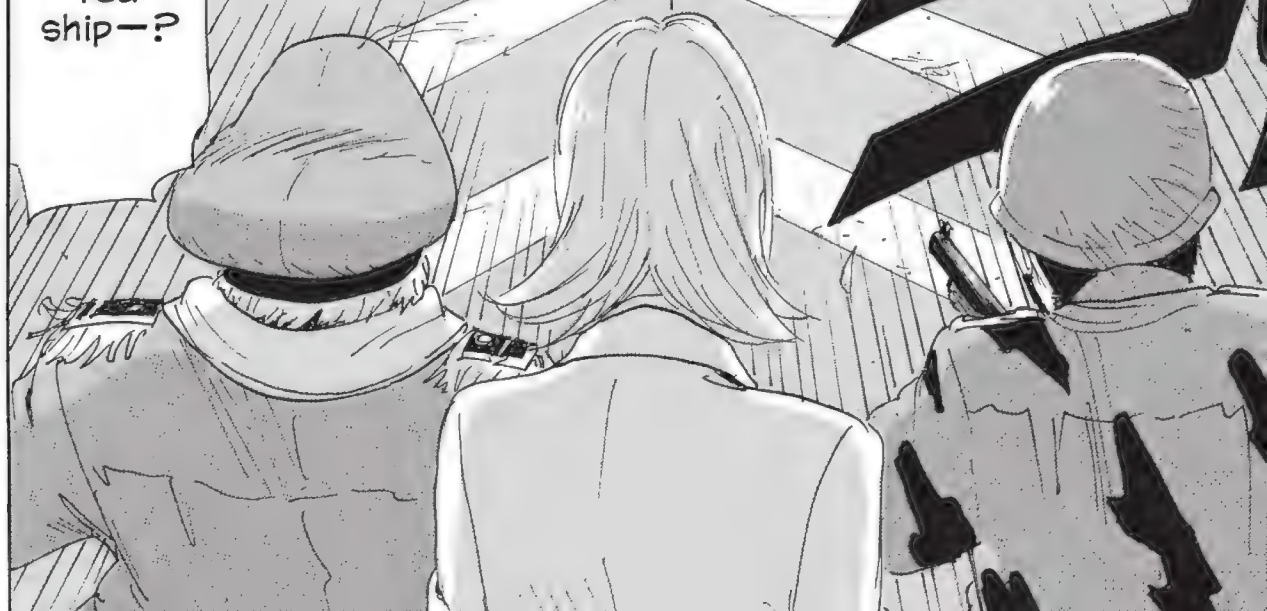


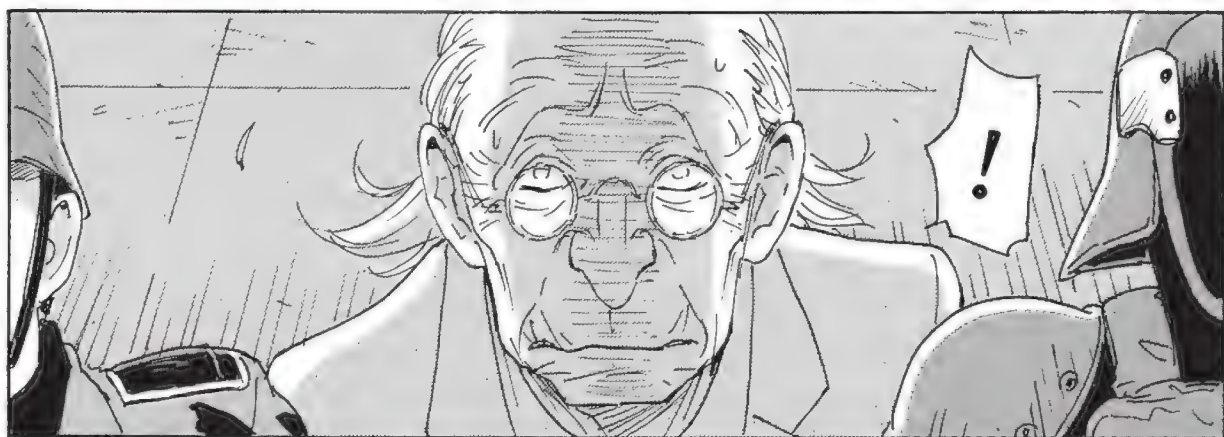
What
is that
red
ship—?

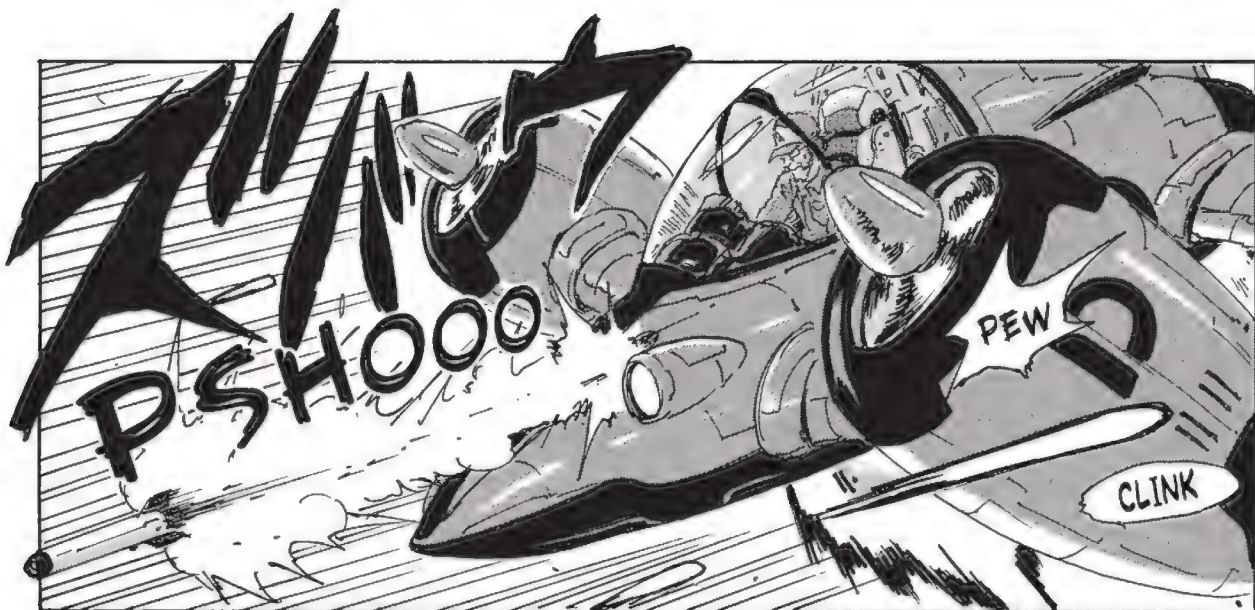
C

RRMM

Wh...









Yes,
sir!
B-But
—

He's
getting
away!
Take a
heli-
copter
after
him!



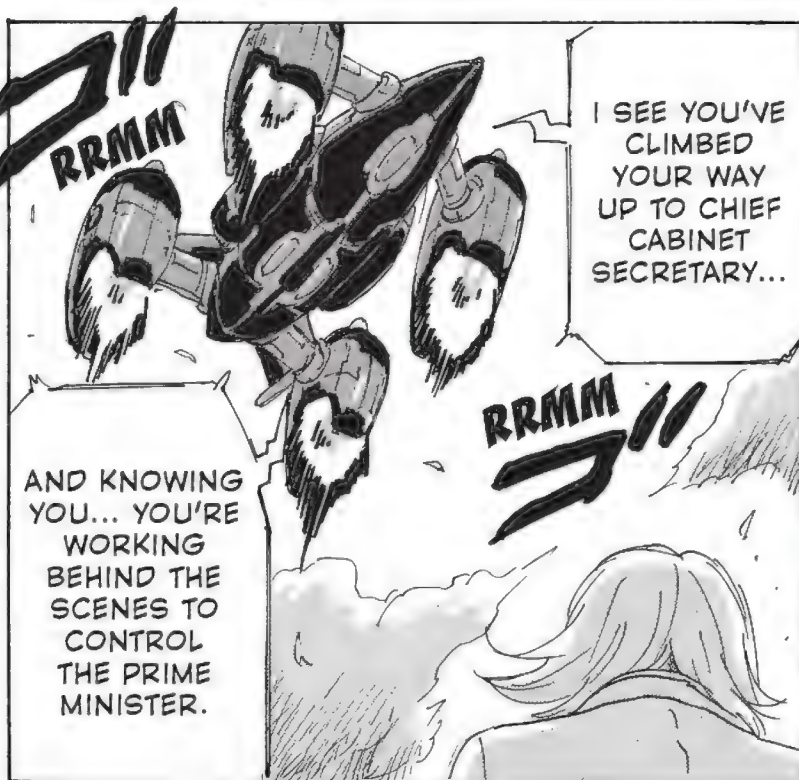
...

RAA



As you
can
see...

...our
helicopters
were taken
out by the
explosions
earlier! We
can't!



I SEE YOU'VE
CLIMBED
YOUR WAY
UP TO CHIEF
CABINET
SECRETARY...

AND KNOWING
YOU... YOU'RE
WORKING
BEHIND THE
SCENES TO
CONTROL
THE PRIME
MINISTER.

RRMM



IT'S BEEN
SOME
TIME,
OUGAI!



FOR I'LL BE
INTERFERING
EVERY STEP
OF THE WAY!

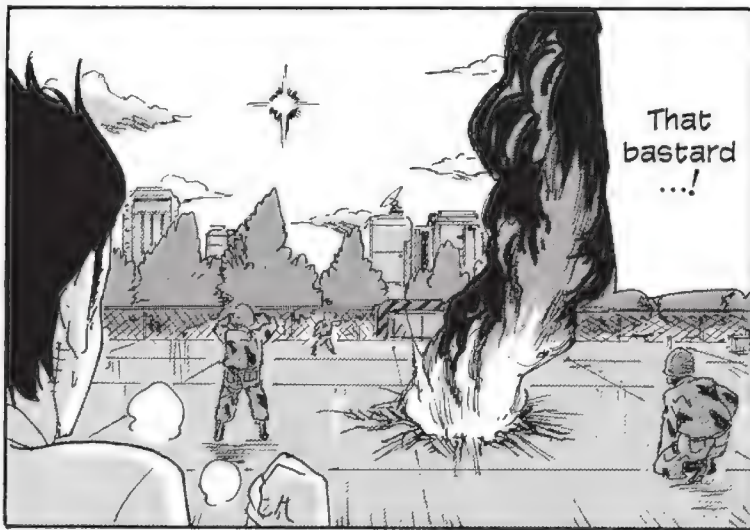


BUT
THAT'S
AS FAR
AS
YOU'LL
GET.



MWA-
HAHAHA!

FAREWELL
!



That
bastard
...!



He got
away!

Damn
it!

HUFF

HUFF

TMP



East,
is
it...?

?!



Where do
you suppose
he may
be going,
Ibuse?



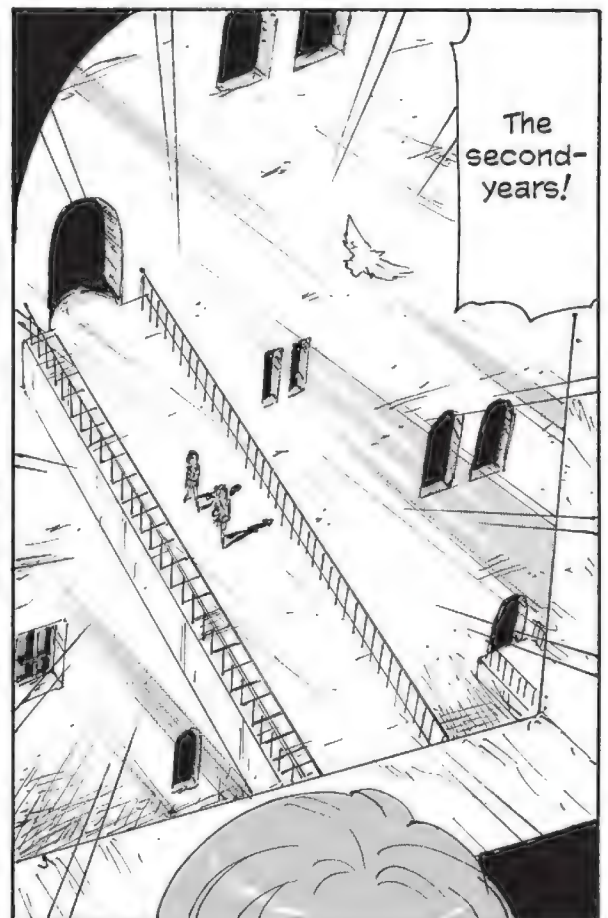
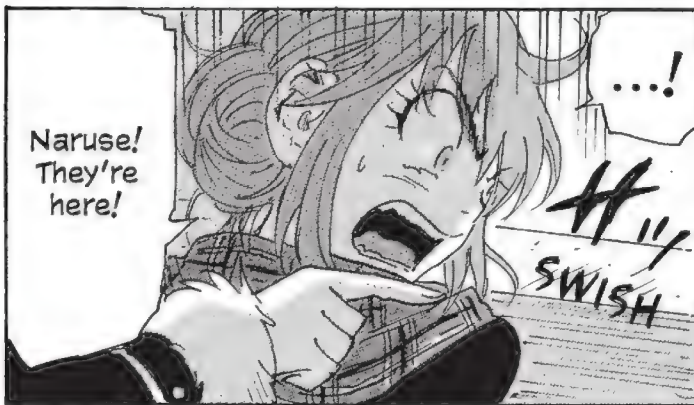
FWIP

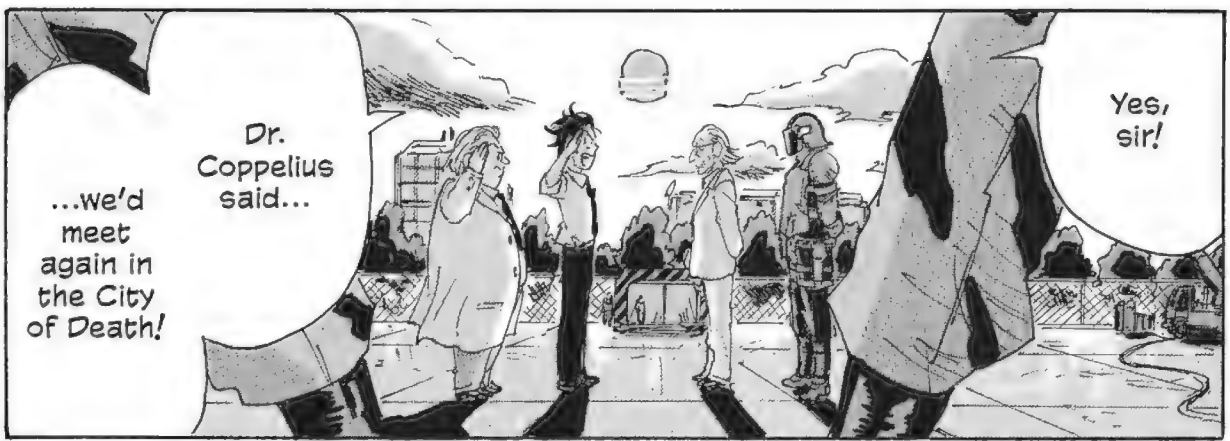
Secre-
tary
Ougai!



Uh...

Well...





Dr. Coppelius said...
...we'd meet again in the City of Death!

Yes, sir!



Dr. Coppelius stole our stock of aether, along with its manufacturing data!



Wait...
He *is* aware of the conditions in Tokyo, yes?

There's too much radiation. He won't be able to enter the city limits without a hazmat suit.



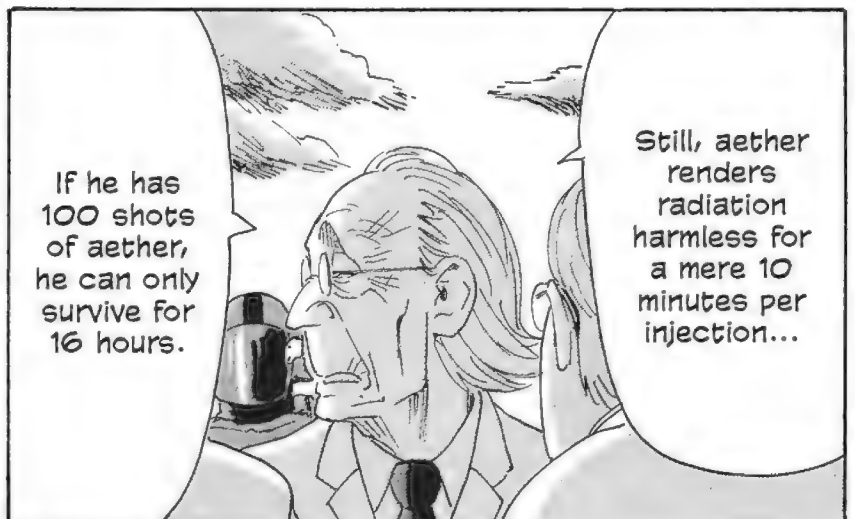
Yes, exactly!

As long as he has that, he'll be able to live in Tokyo for a while even without a suit!



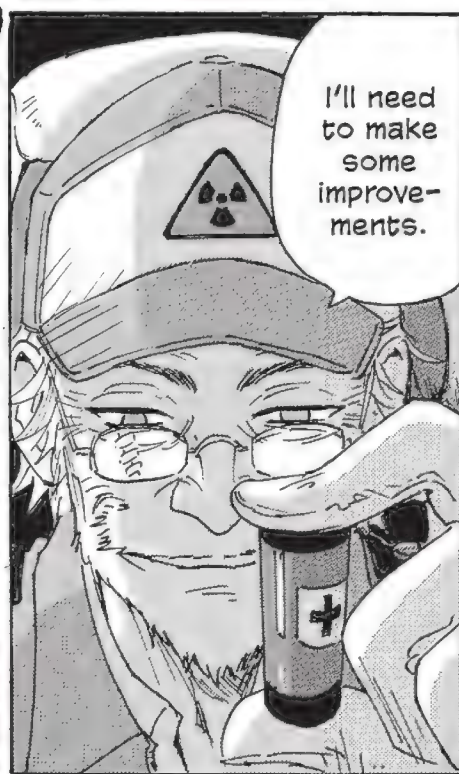
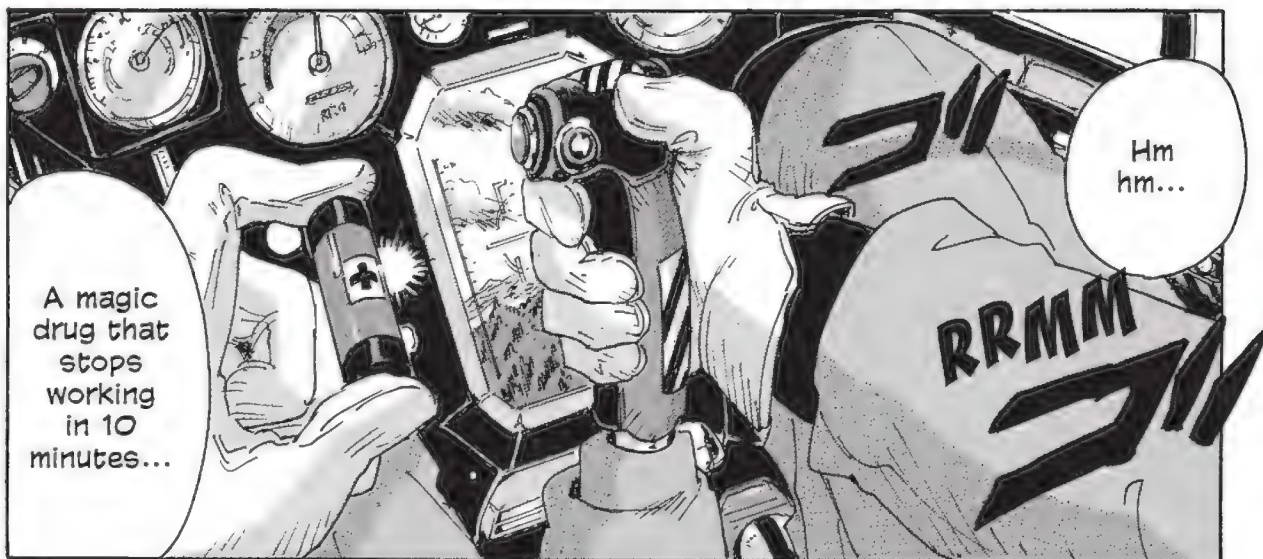
What's the deal?!

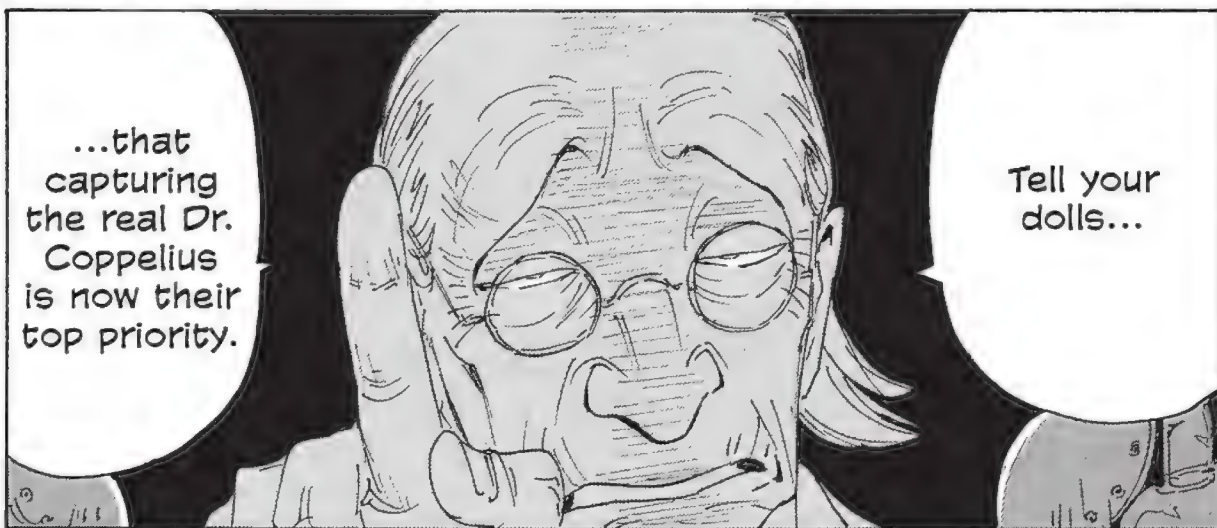
Yeah, what he said!



If he has 100 shots of aether, he can only survive for 16 hours.

Still, aether renders radiation harmless for a mere 10 minutes per injection...



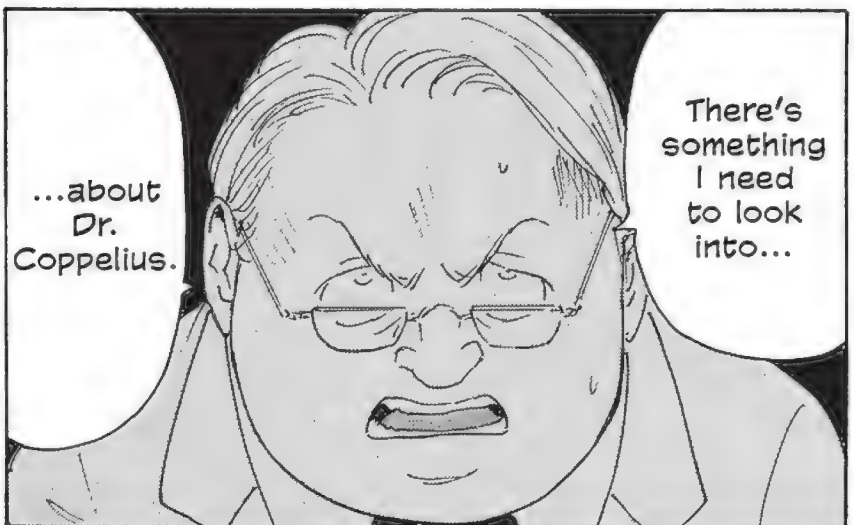




H-Hey!
Where are
you off to,
Mushanokoji
?!



What
?!



...about
Dr.
Coppelius.

There's
something
I need
to look
into...

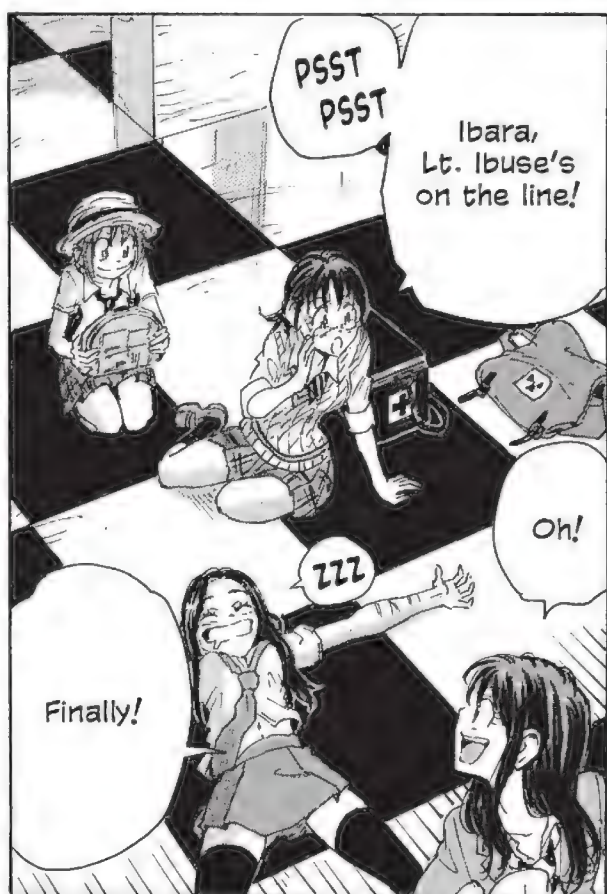
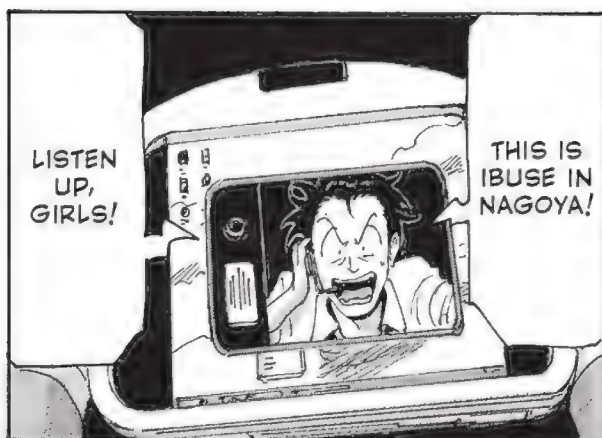
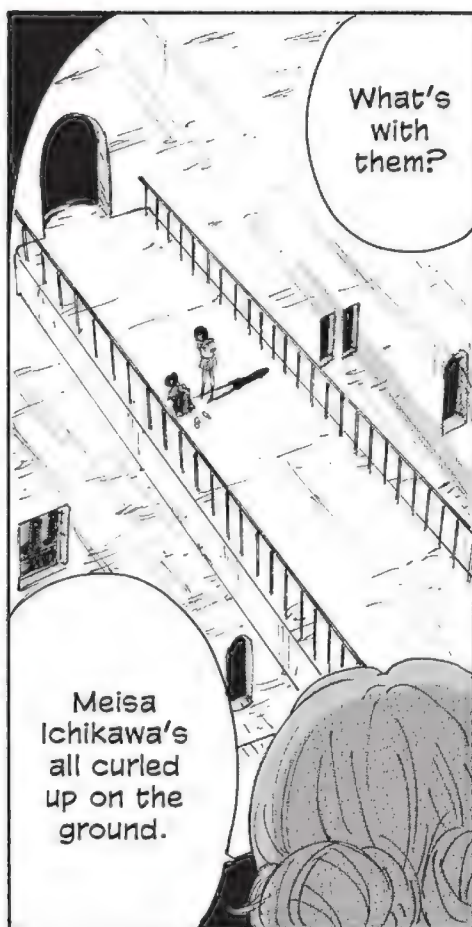


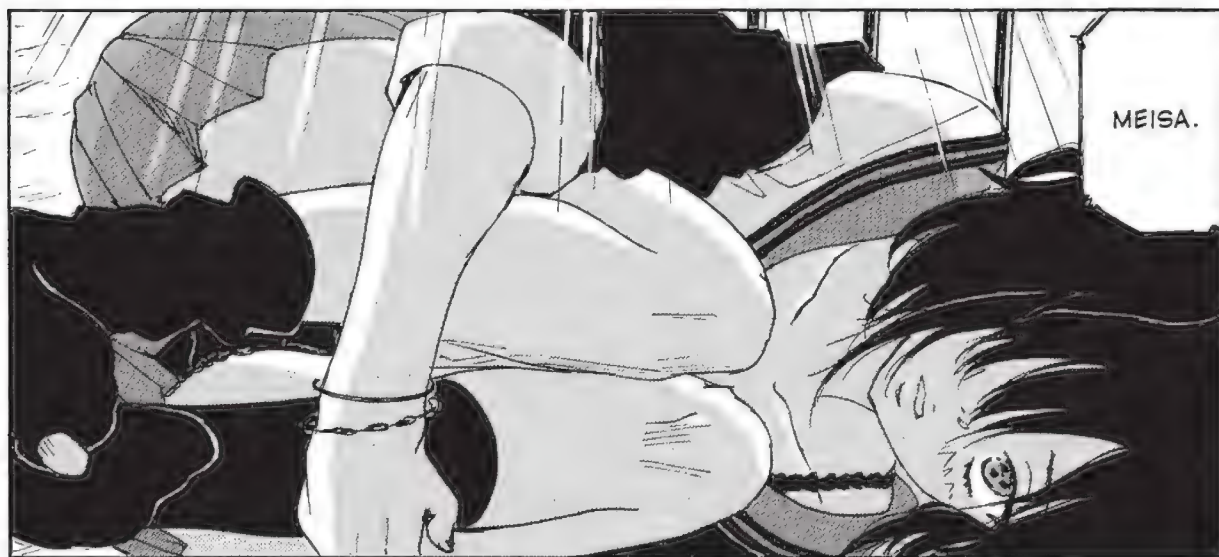
Sigh...



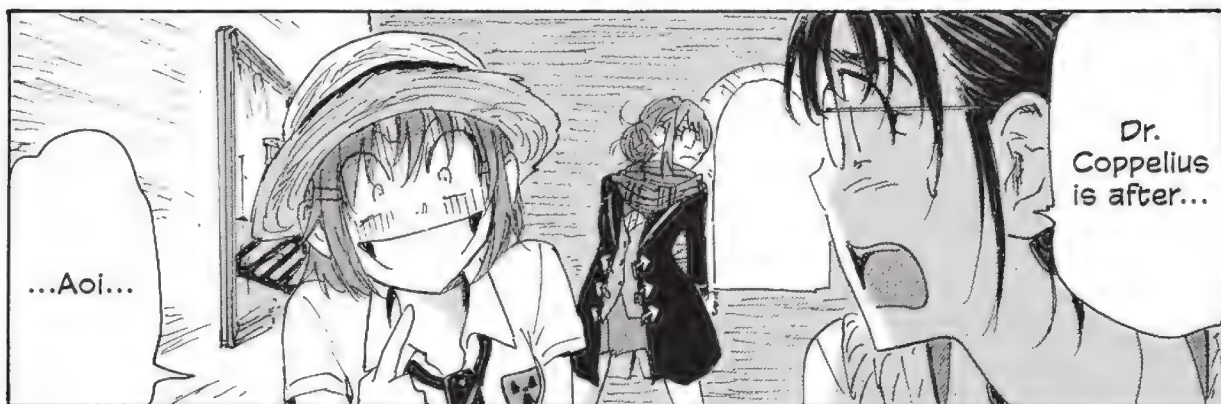
Hey,
hold on!













Meisa
Ichikawa...

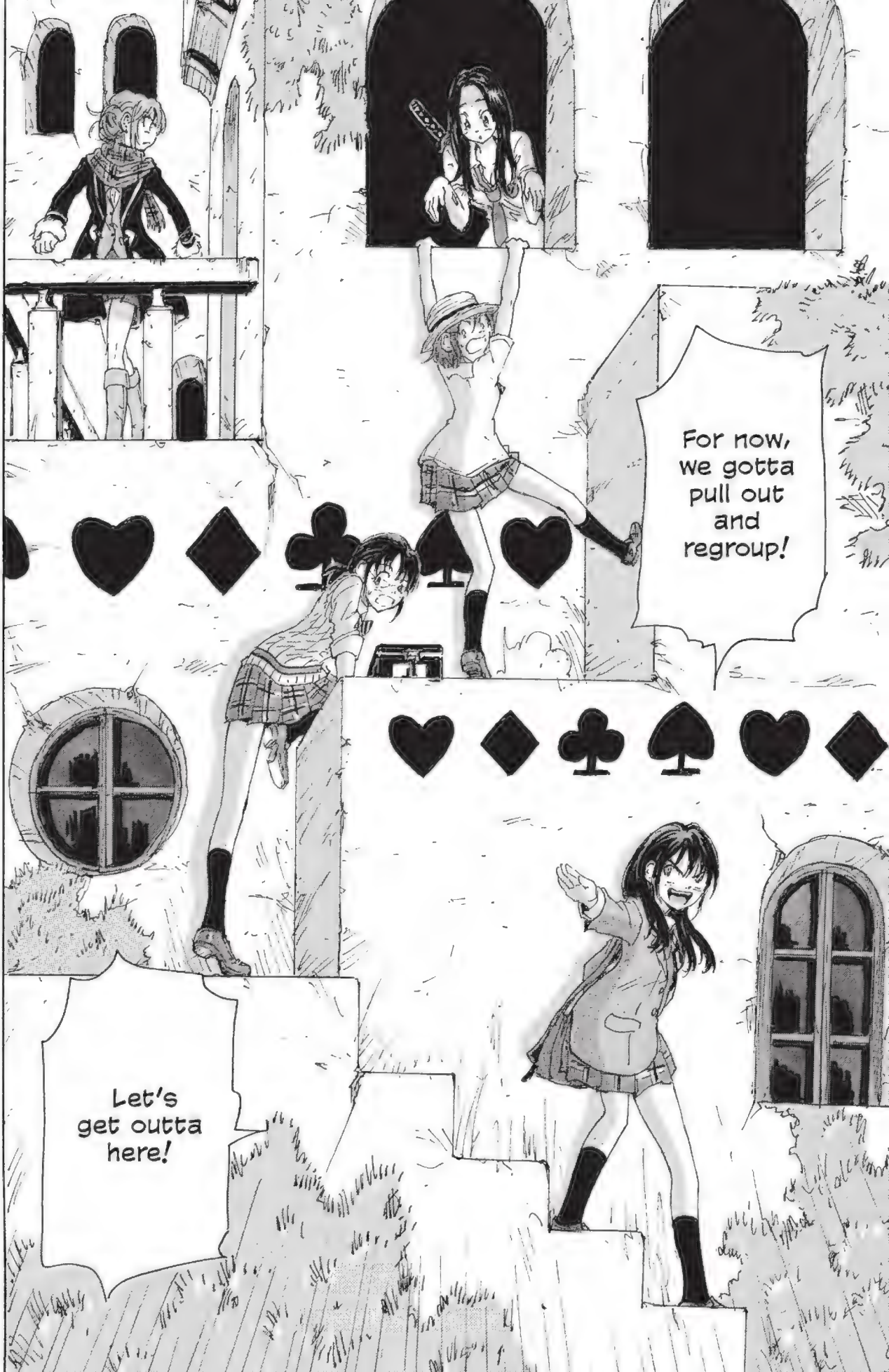
She's
back on
her feet!



Dr.
Coppelius
is on his
way to
Tokyo...

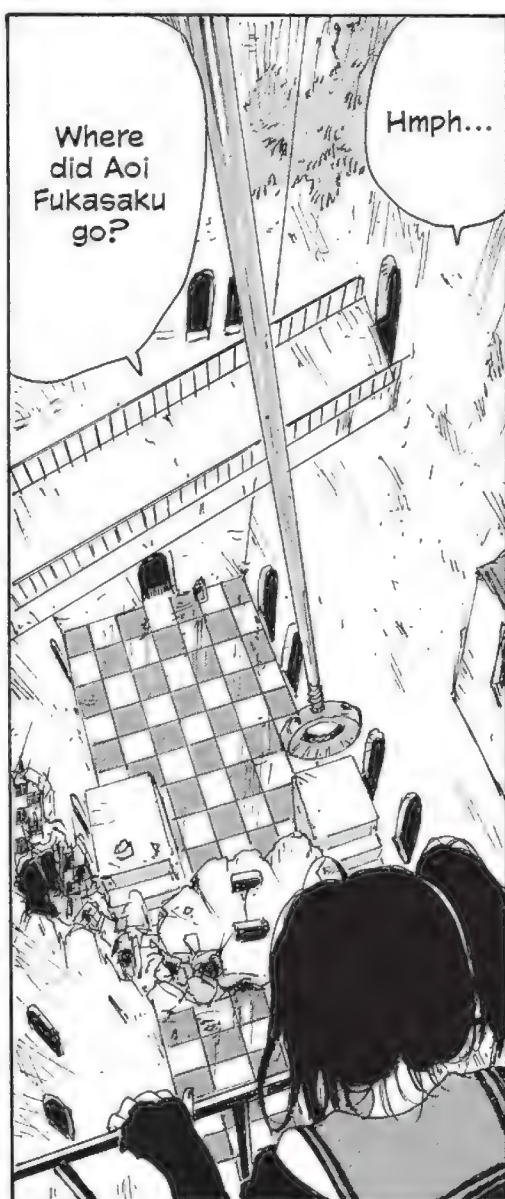


Is he aiming
to give
orders to the
second-years
in person...?



For now,
we gotta
pull out
and
regroup!

Let's
get outta
here!





B-But
it's
making
me so
dizzy
...

Okay,
we gotta
stay
hidden like
this all
the way
to the
ground
floor.



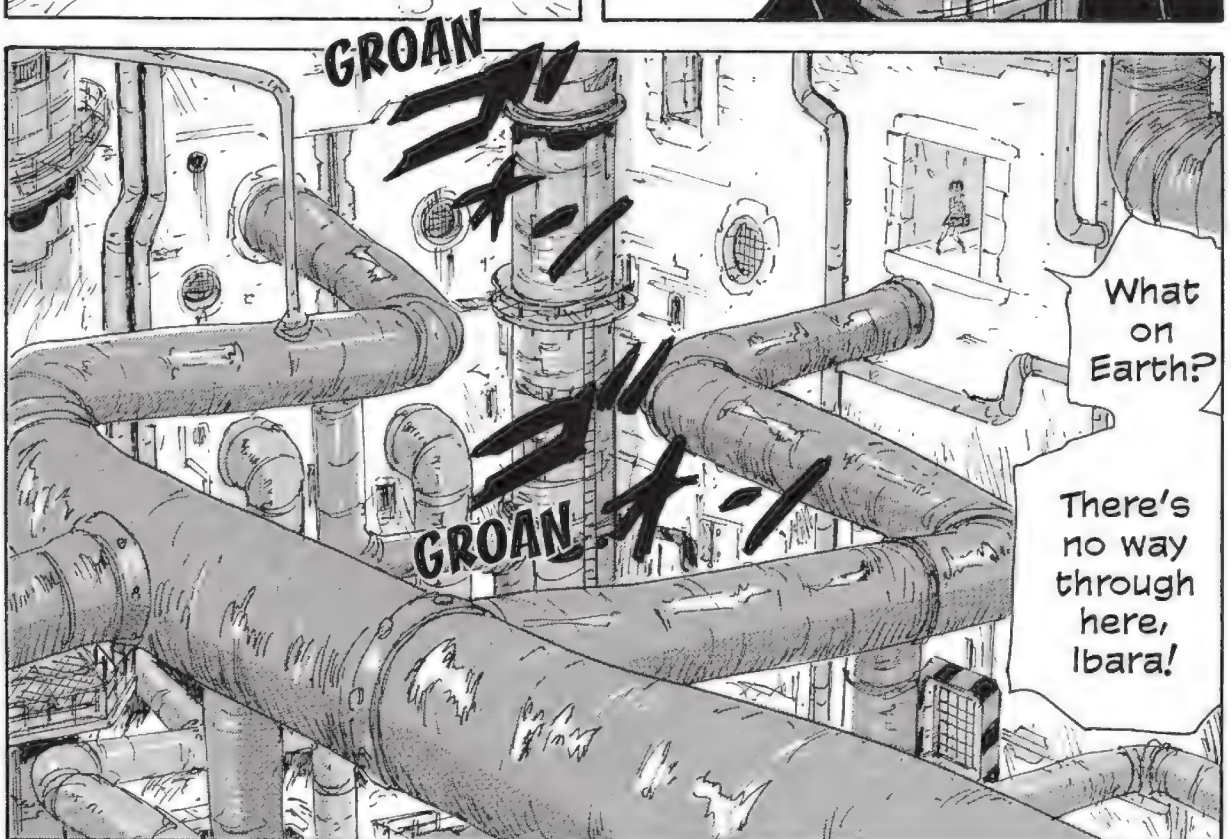
The second-
years are on
the other side
of this wall...
still on that
bridge.

BZZT

They
must be
watchin'
for us from
there.



?!



GROAN

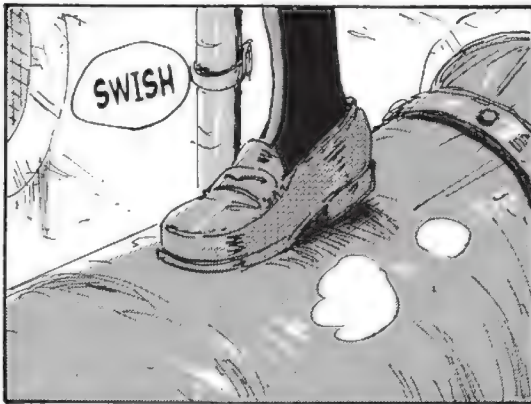
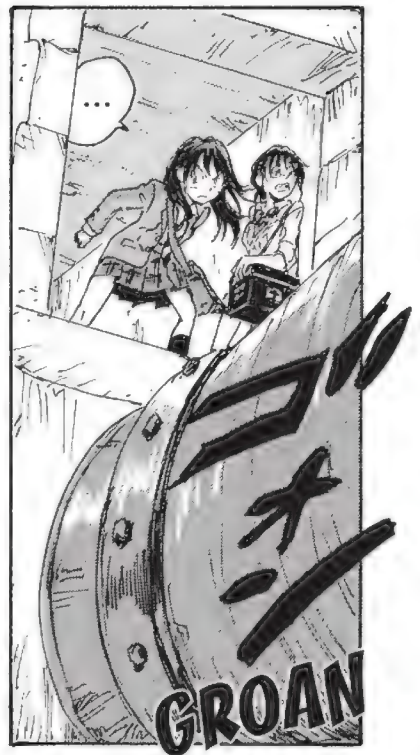
GROAN

What
on
Earth?

There's
no way
through
here,
Ibara!



Crap...
Looks like
this is the
guts of the
skyscraper...



Th-Then
what
do we
do?! We
can't—

There
weren't
any
other
ways to
turn.



Remember
the
gymnastics
we did in
school!

Don't
look
down!

Eek! This
is too
scary!

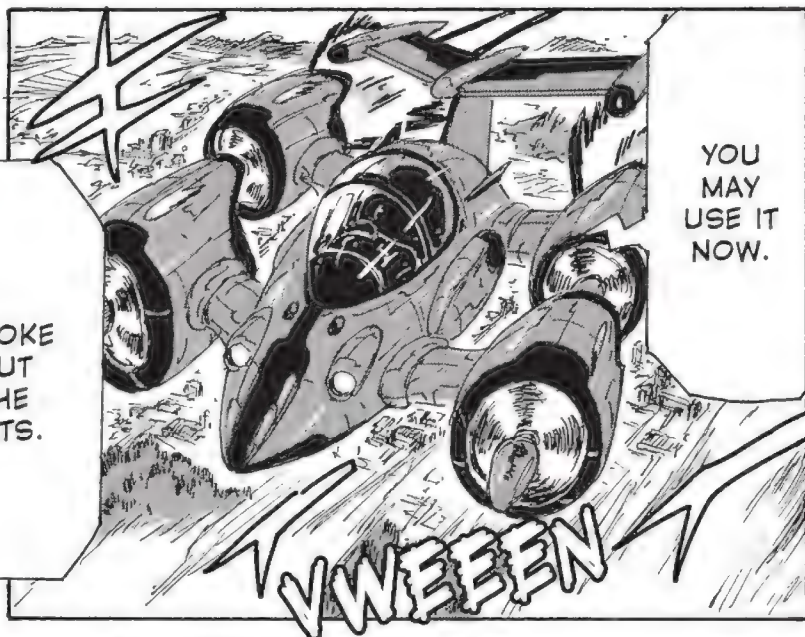
HWOOOO
KREE



MEISA,
THIS IS DR.
COPPELIUS.



SMOKE
OUT
THE
RATS.



YOU
MAY
USE IT
NOW.

VWEEEN



CLICK

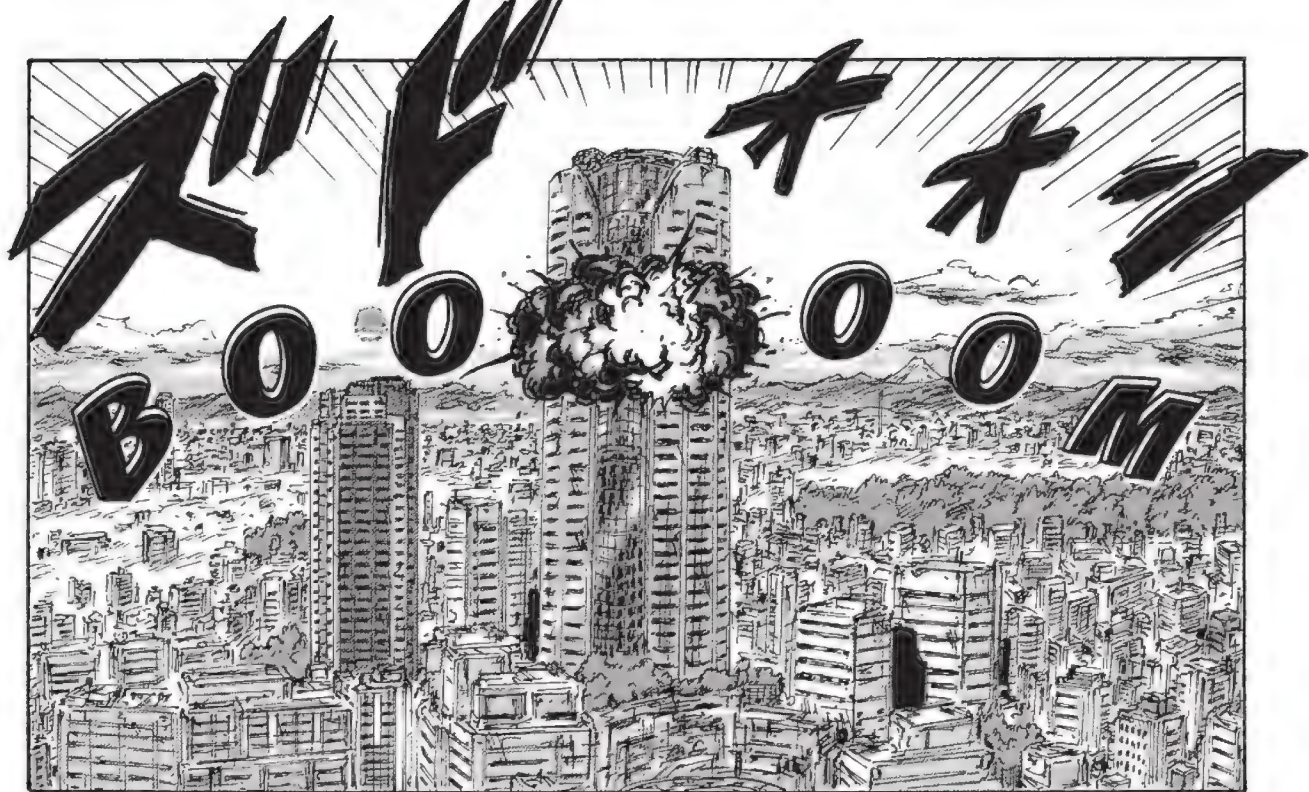


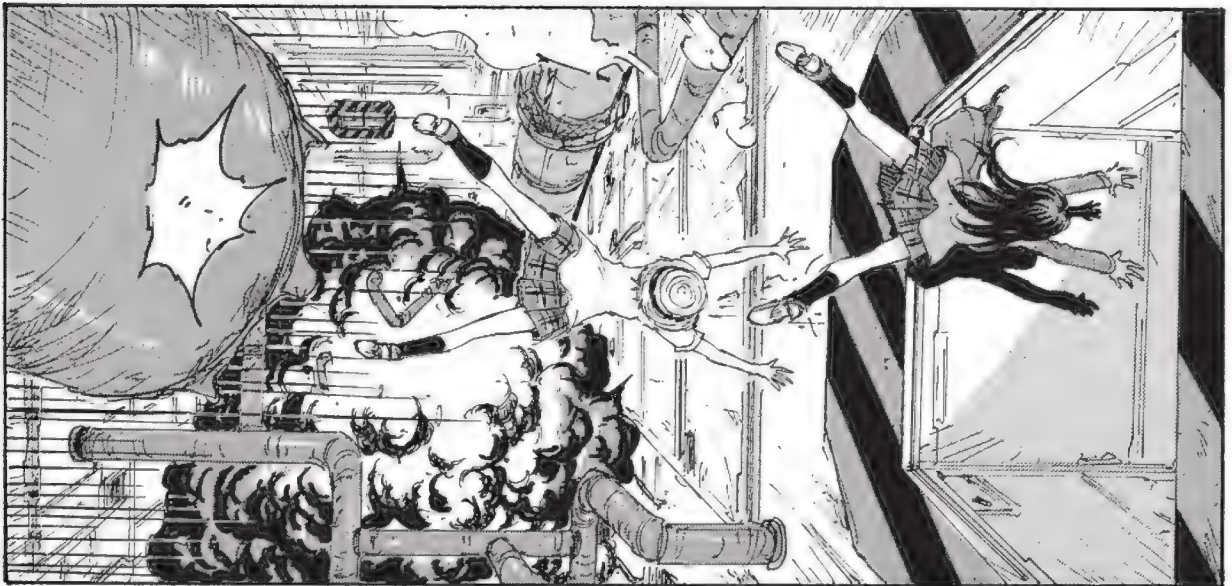
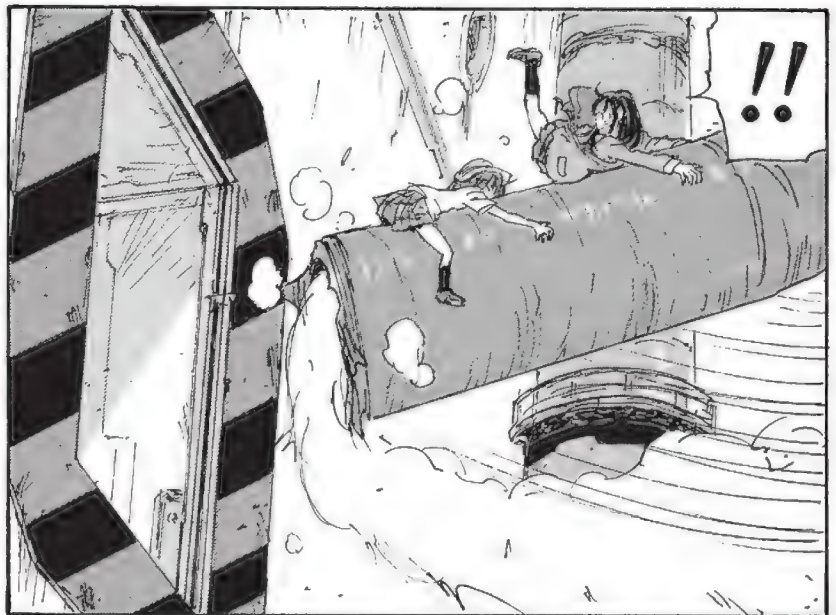
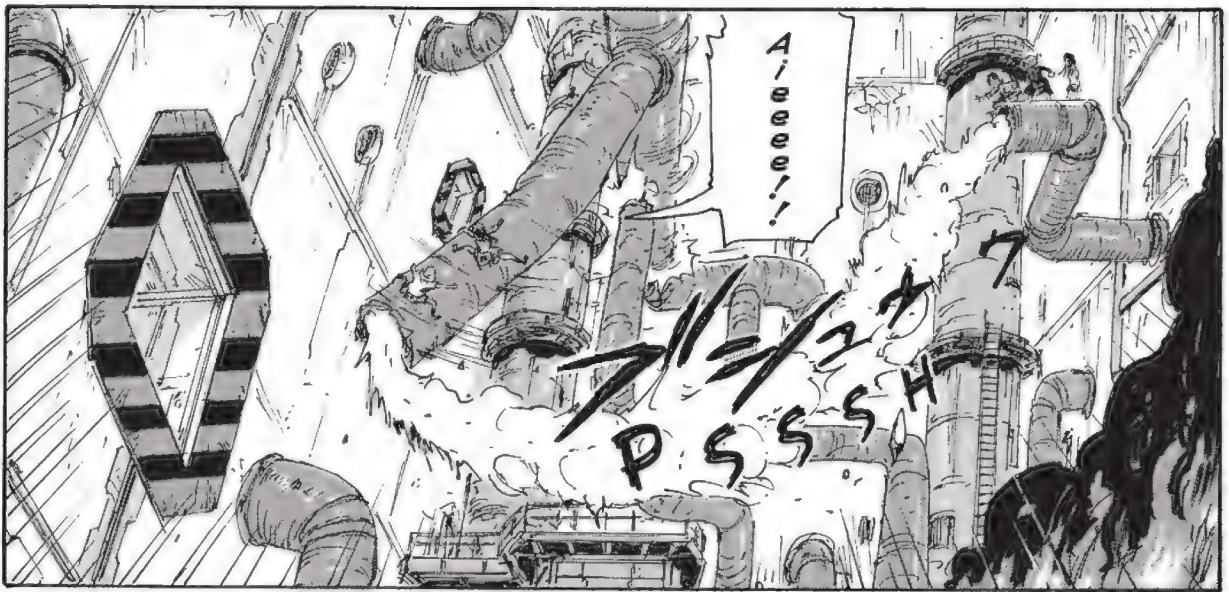
Did he
just
say to
smoke
us
out?!

I
dunno!

What're
they
gonna
use?!

Use
what?!







I-I'm falling!



Gyah!



Are you two alright?!

Phew, that was a close one!



Crap... That must've been from an explosion!

We're fine!



GRAB



He meant
to trap
us in here
from the
start!

Dr.
Coppelius...
That
bastard!
This was
a trap!



We
can't
make
it
over
there!

What
now,
rep?!

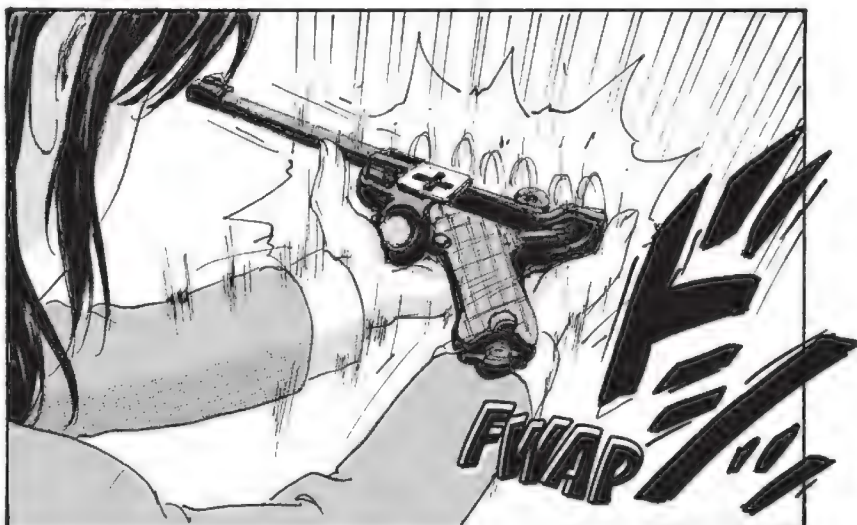


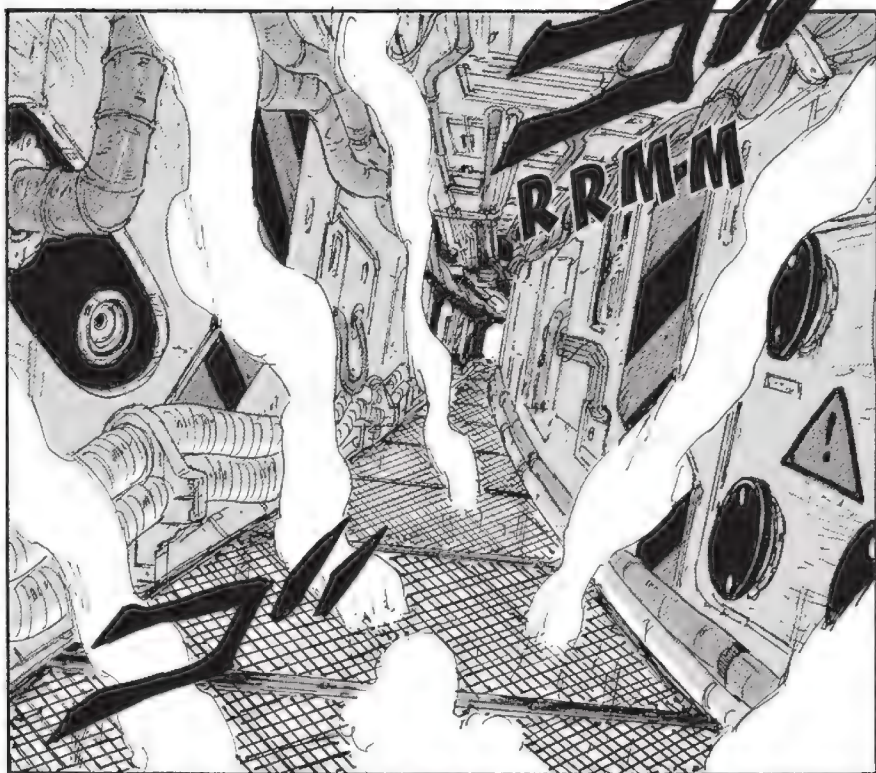
Smoke
us out,
huh...

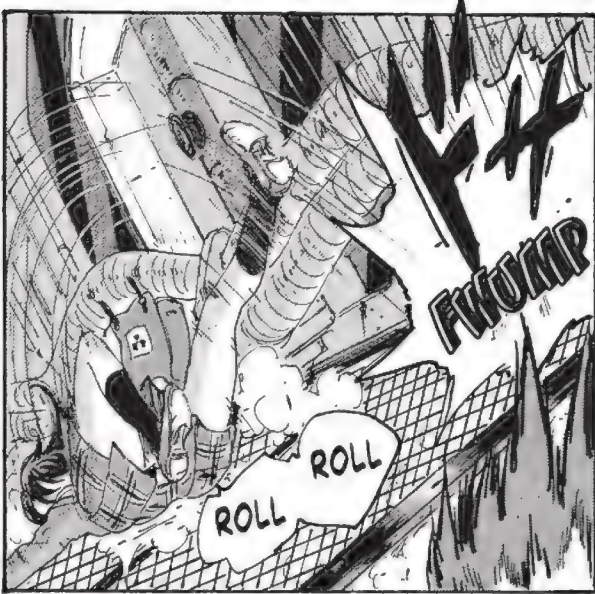


Look for
a way out
and get
to the
ground!

We'll
have
to split
up!



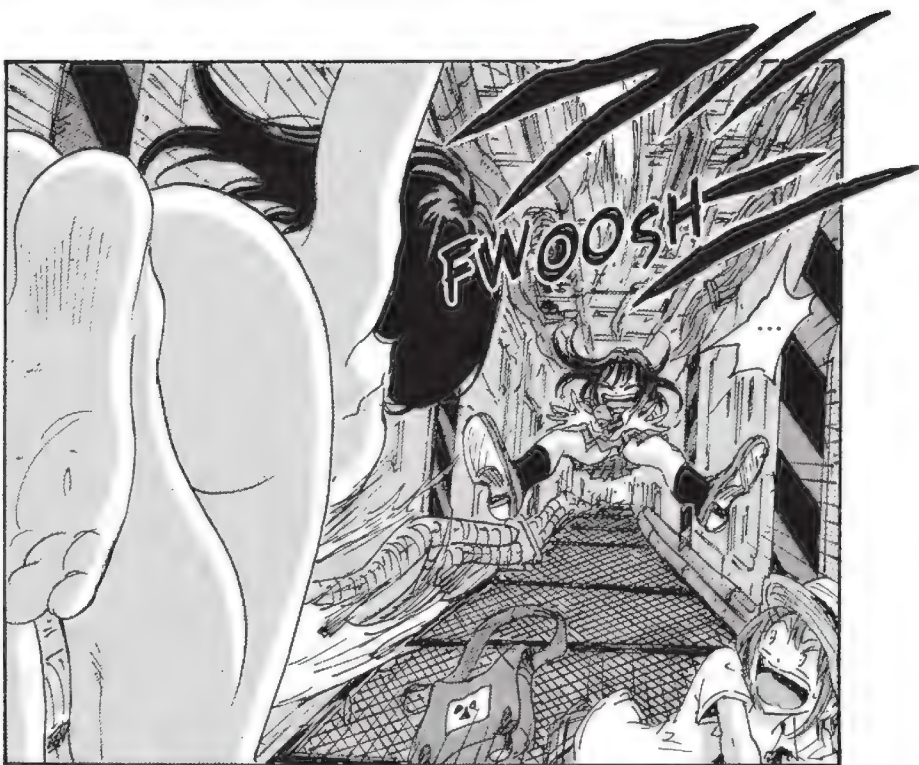


















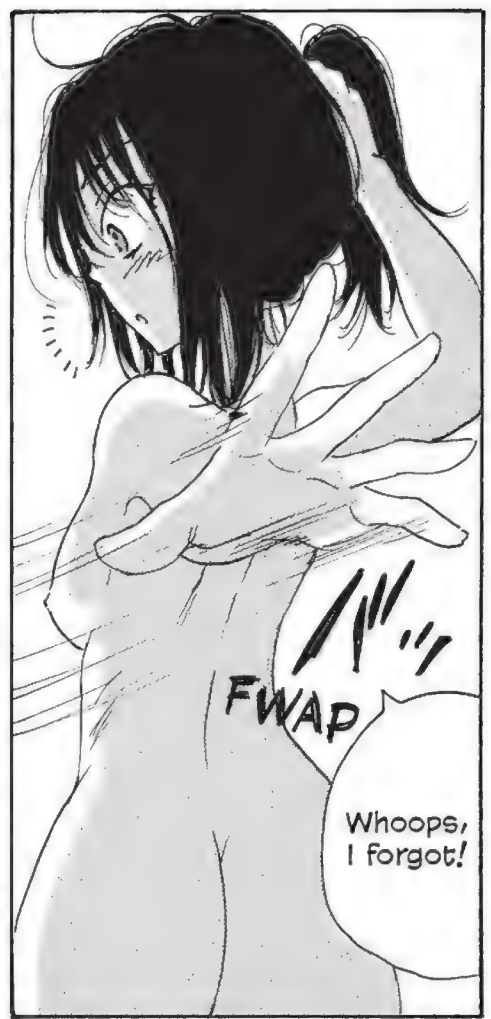
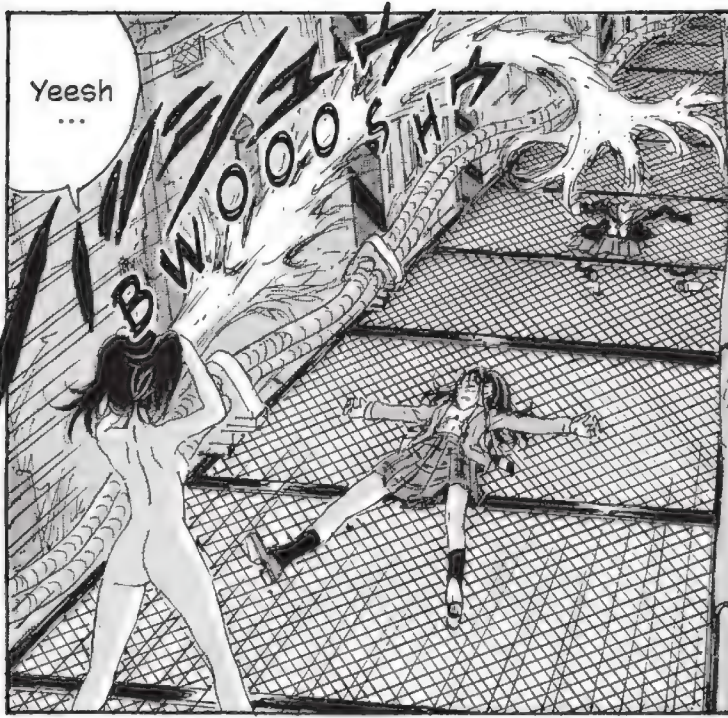
EEK!
Stay
away!

Ee—

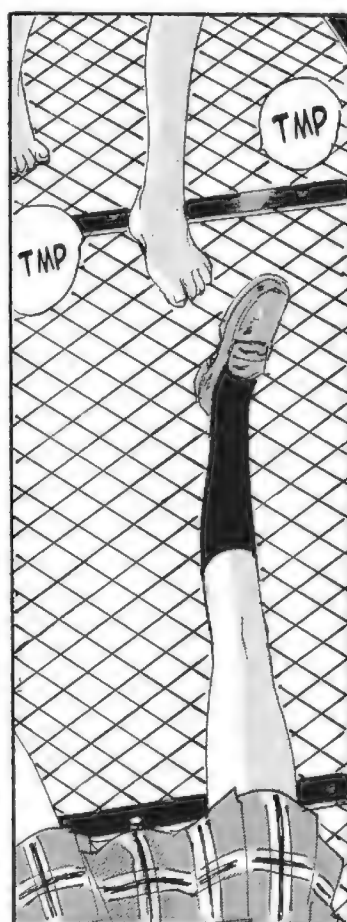
FSSH

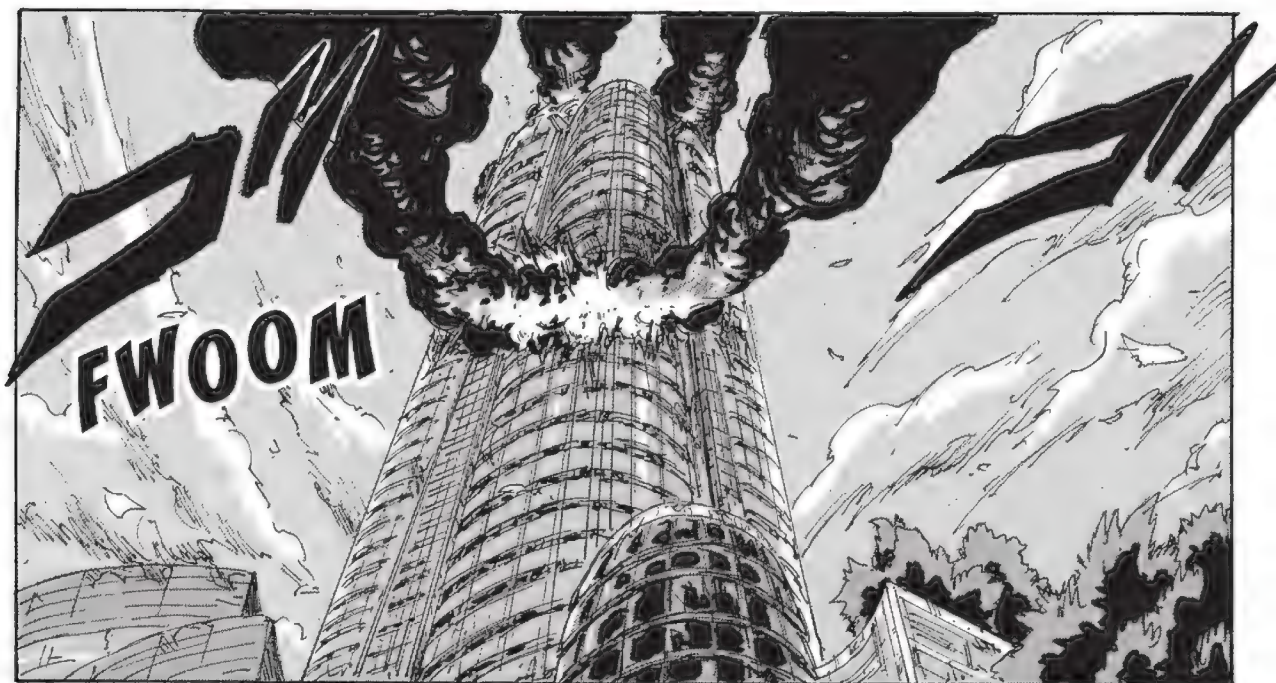
I
surrender!

TMP











...is to
evacuate
the
survivors...

All we
want...

KOFF

KOFF



...do
we have
to keep
fighting?!

How
long...



Crying
ain't gonna
change
reality.



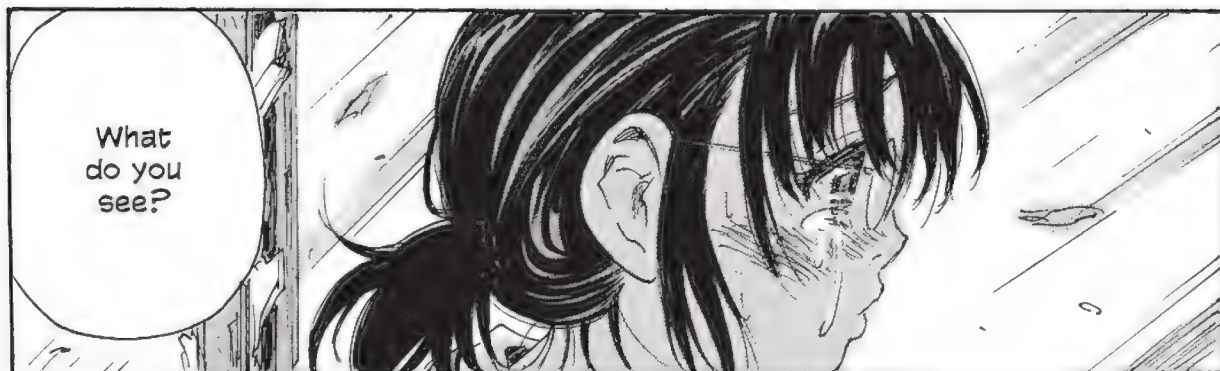
Why are
we even
here?

I can't
do this
anymore
...



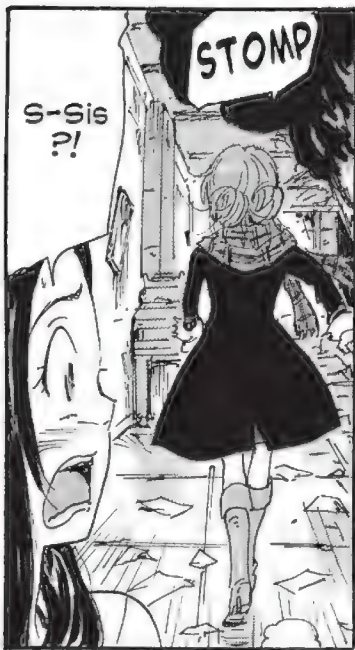
Look
outside,
four-
eyes.

We may
as well
be stuck
in some
bombed-out
ruins.



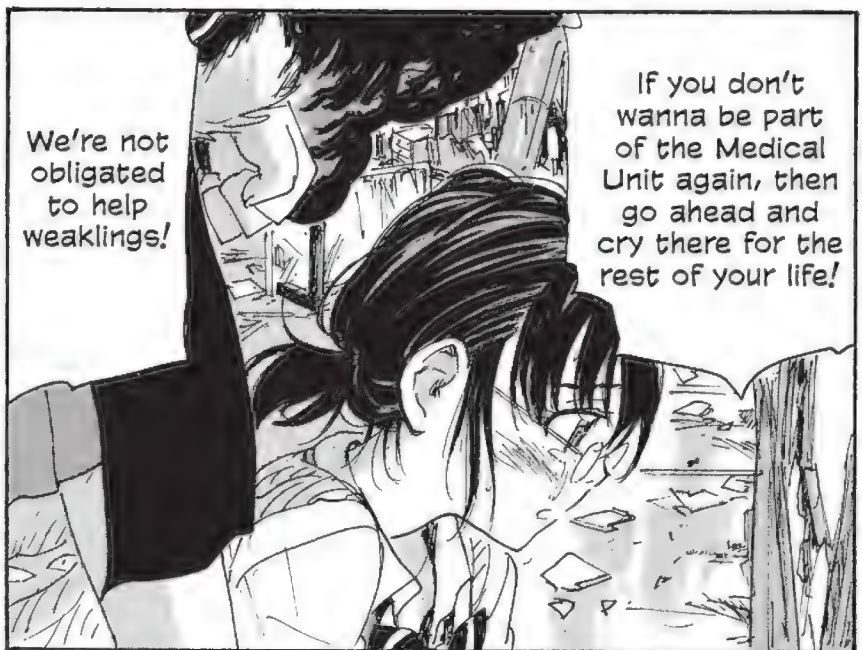
What
do you
see?





S-Sis
?!

STOMP



We're not
obligated
to help
weaklings!

If you don't
wanna be part
of the Medical
Unit again, then
go ahead and
cry there for the
rest of your life!



H-Hmph!
Moron!

TMP

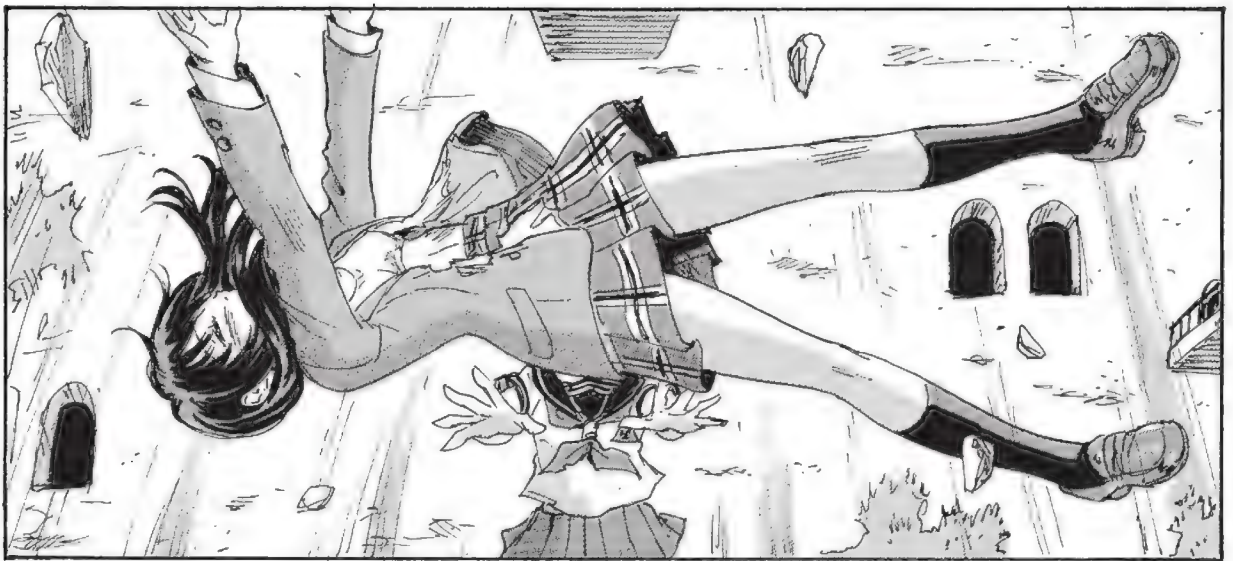
TMP



...
TWIRL

...
TWIRL





*Ibara
Naruse...*



Where
is she?

Serial
number
C-2,
Ibara
Naruse...

RUSTLE

Good-
ness
me.

Just when
I thought
I'd have
her meet
you...

Where
could
she have
gone?

She's
usually
sitting on
this bench,
staring
out into
space...



There's
a girl up
in the
tree.



Dr.
Coppelius.



There
she is.

Oho.



Haruto...
Let me
introduce
you.

That girl
is Ibara
Naruse.
She's five
years old,
just like you.

*She's a
useless
doll, like
that.*



*As you can
see, she's
empty... as if
she has no will
of her own.*



*At this
rate,
she'll be a
failure...*





YOU MAY
RETURN
TO CITY
HALL AND
RESUME
YOUR GAME.

MY
APOLOGIES,
MEISA. I'M
TAKING
A BRIEF
DETOUR.

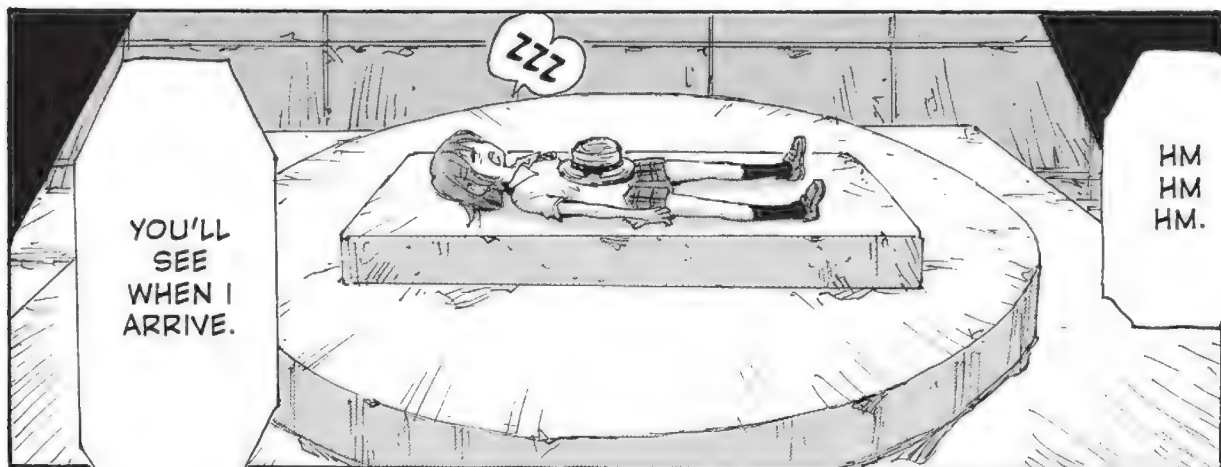


What?!
You won't
be here
until
nighttime?!



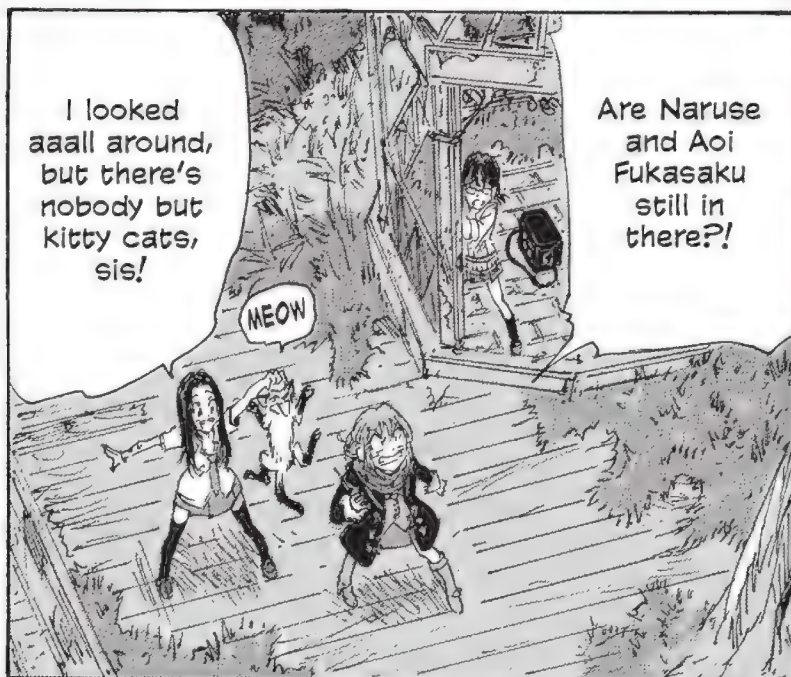
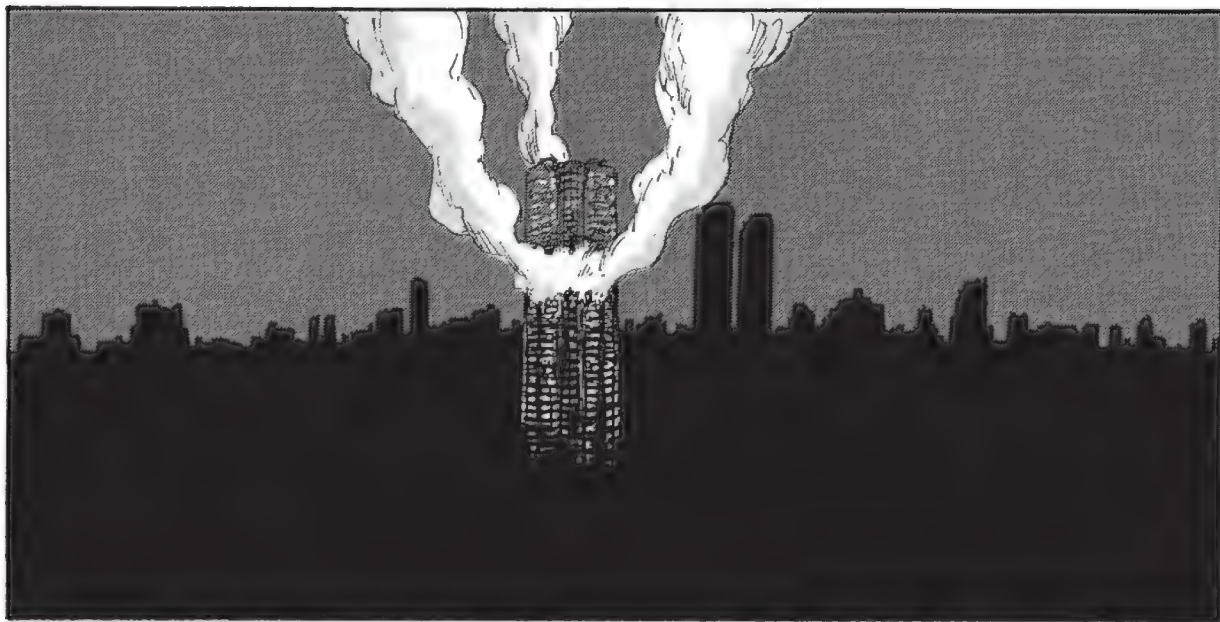
What
do you
mean by
detour?

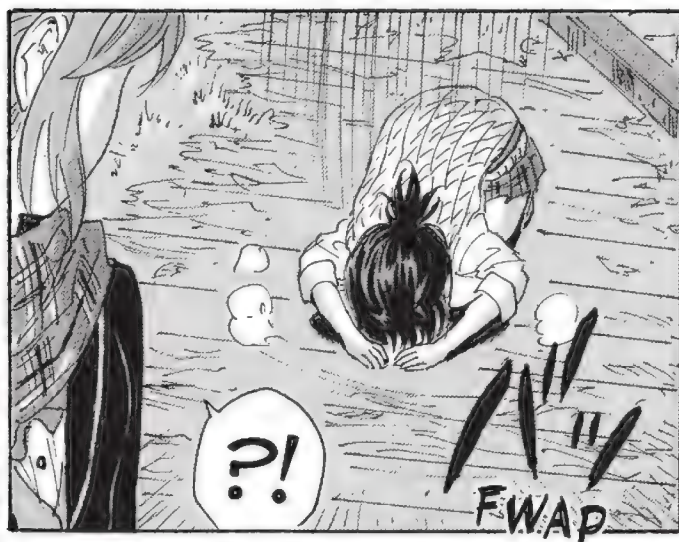
...
Mana put
out the fire,
so I don't
care if we
wait here...

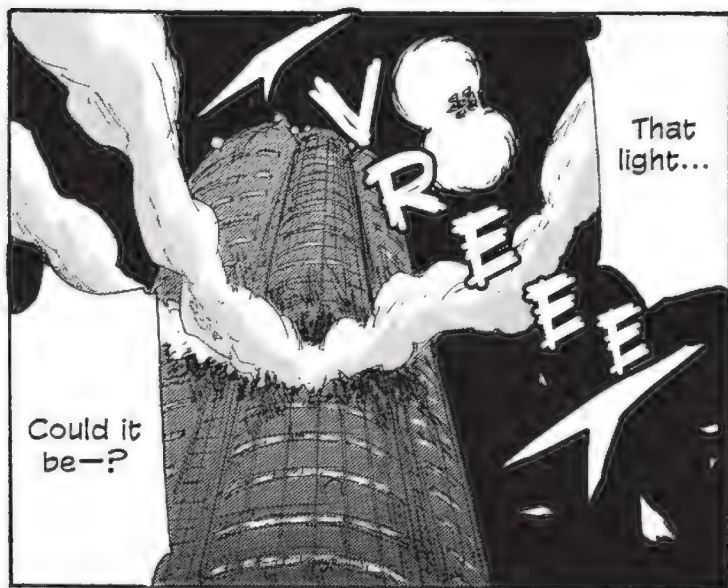
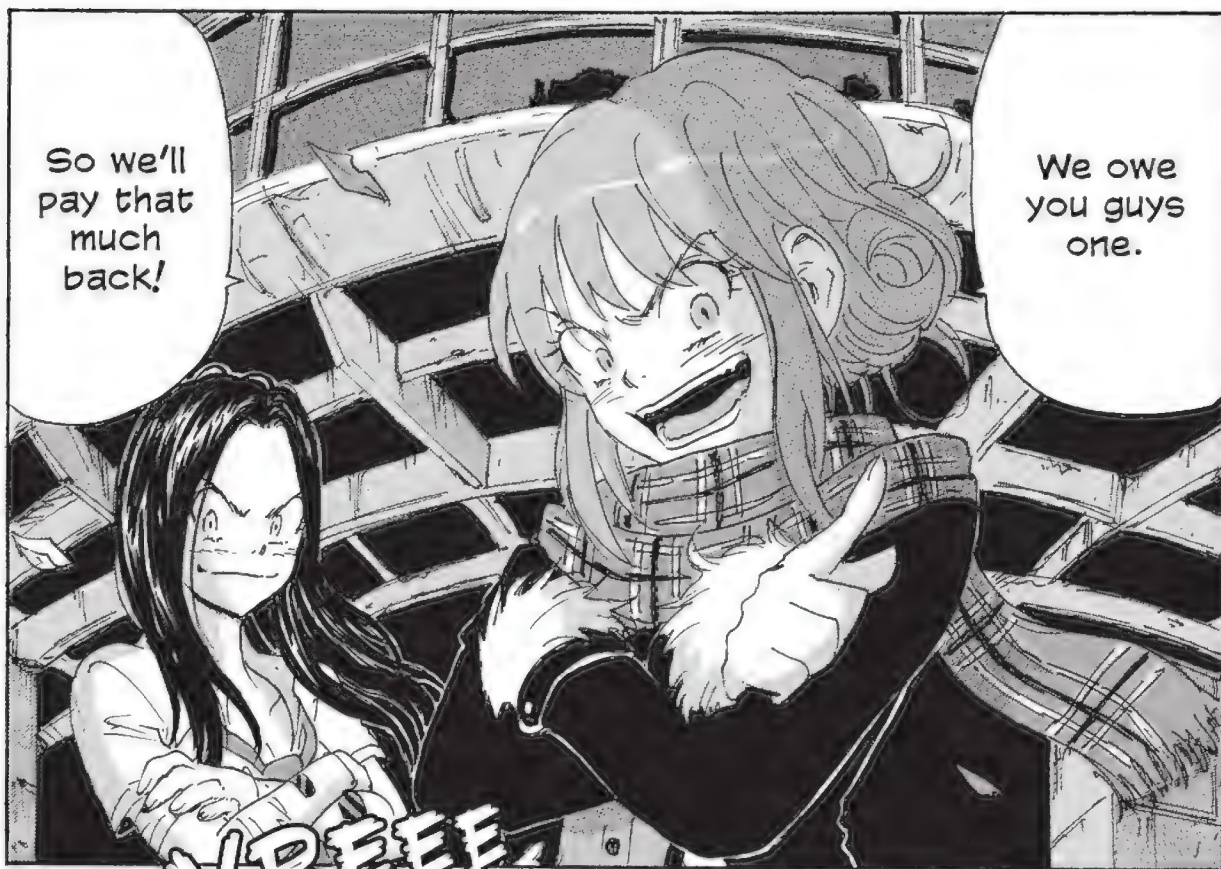


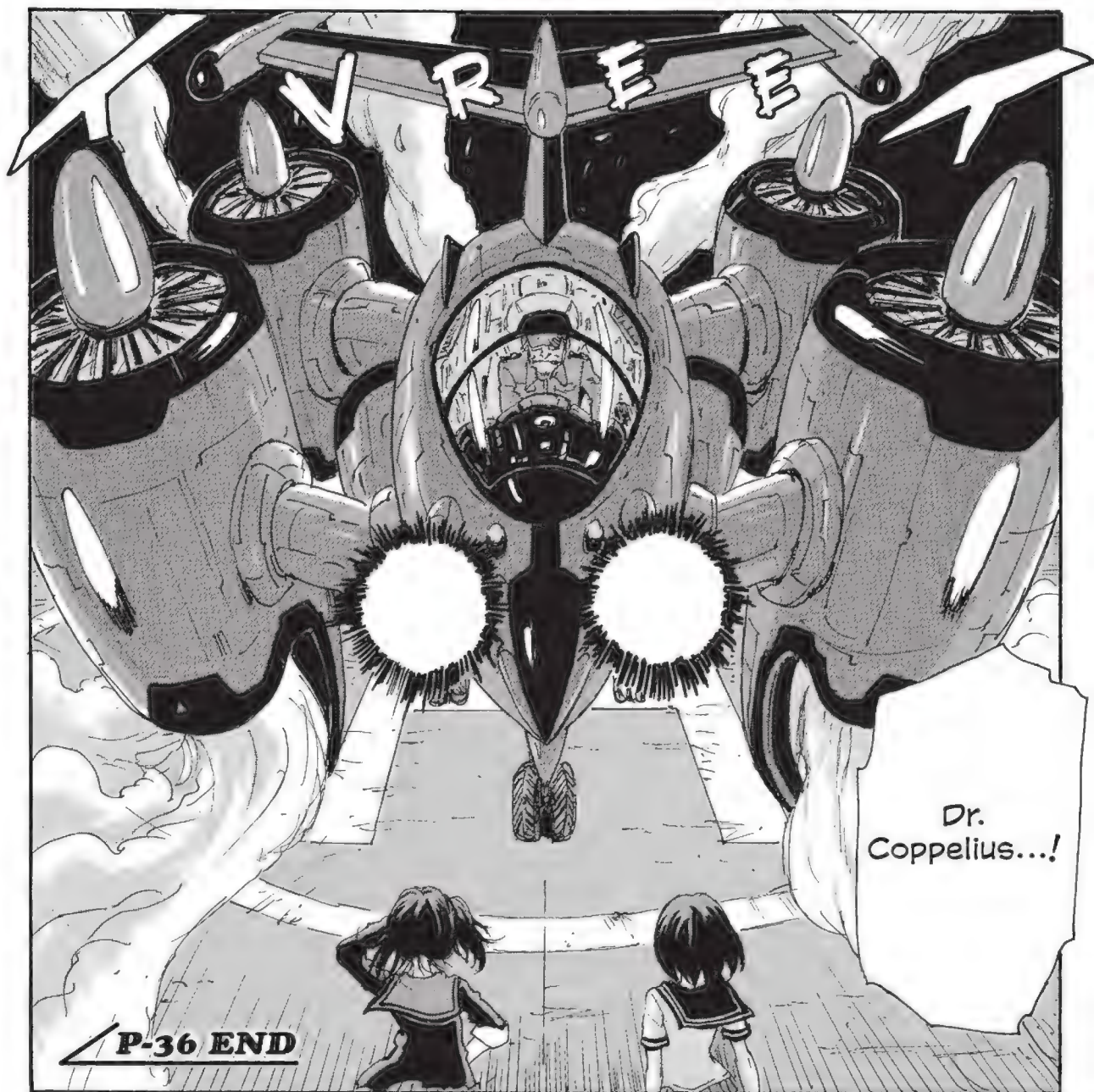
YOU'LL
SEE
WHEN I
ARRIVE.

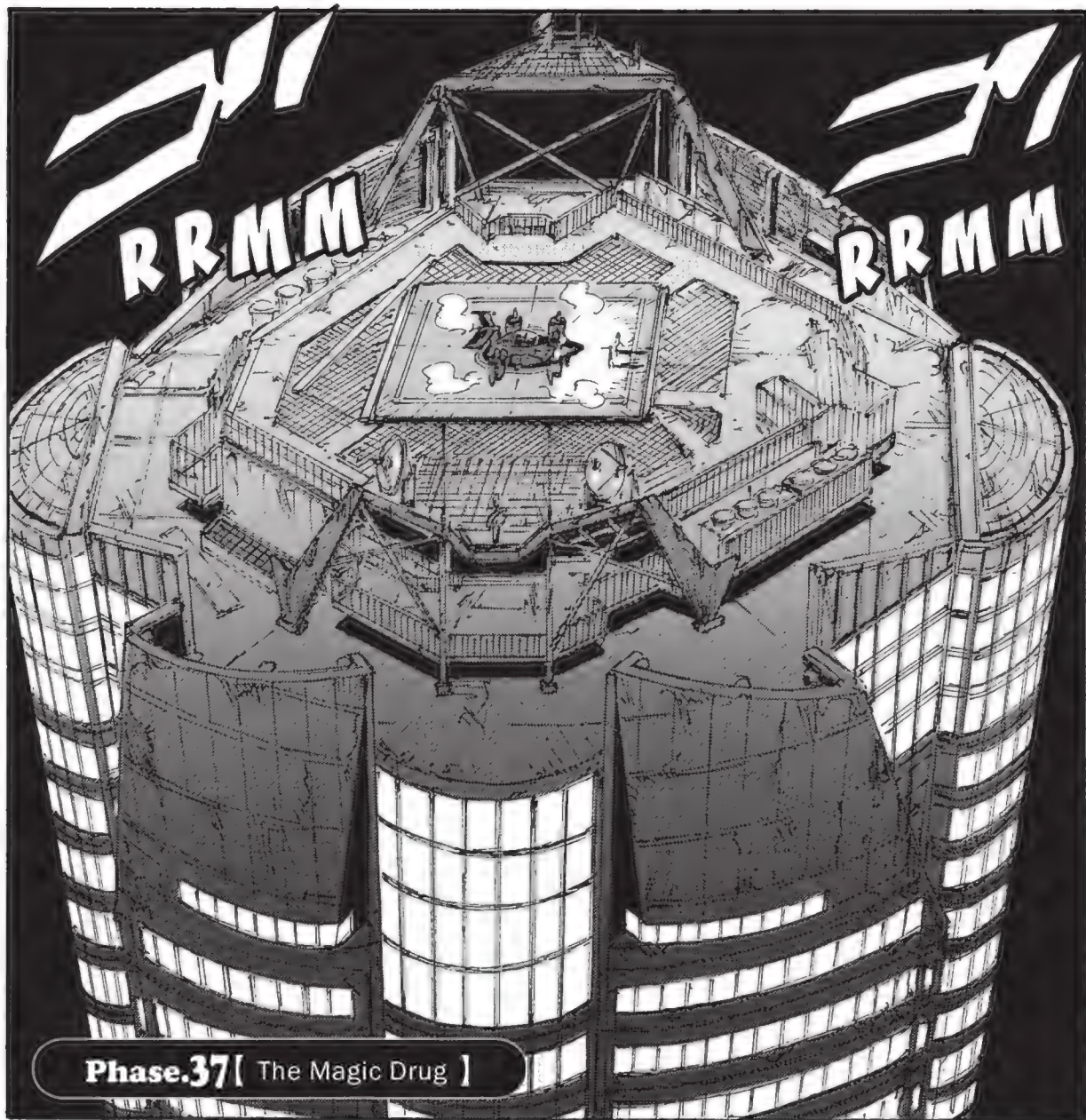
HM
HM
HM.







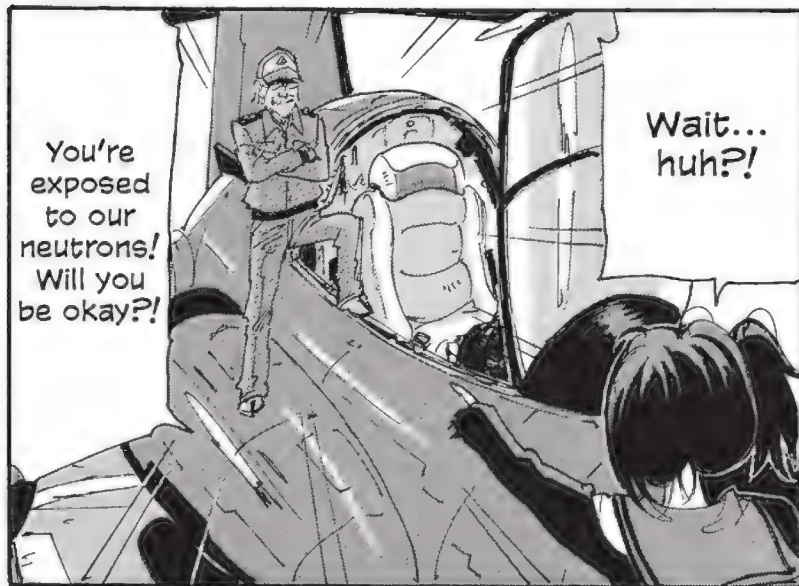
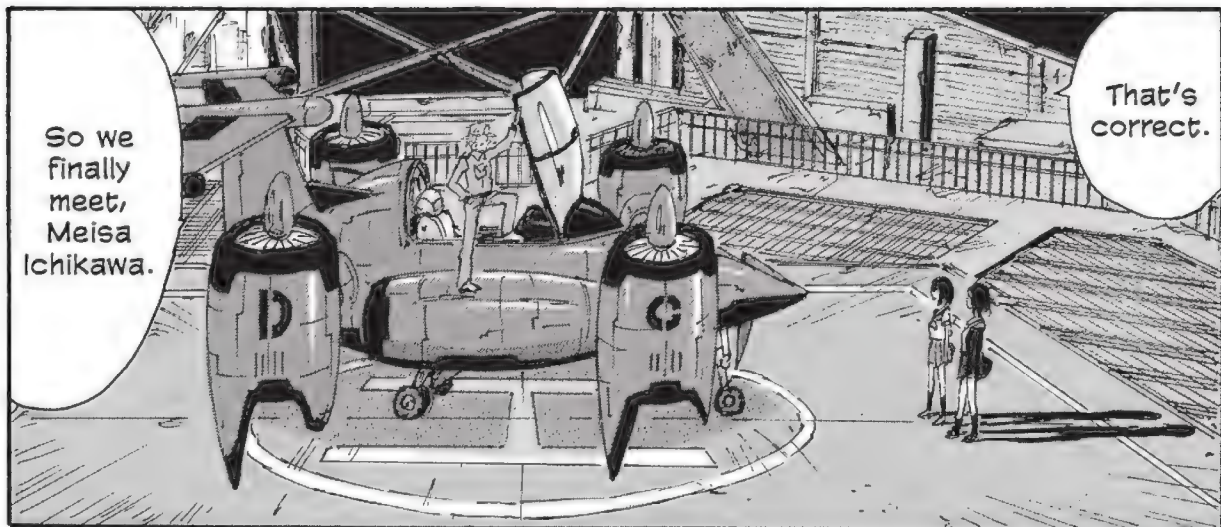




Tokyo...

TNK

It hasn't
changed
one bit from
20 years
ago.







This is a
job for the
Cleanup
Crew.

You just
stick
behind us.



...we
won't
be able
to take
back
Ibara
and Aoi,
will we?

Unless
we
defeat
the
second-
years...



...



I'll
fight,
too!

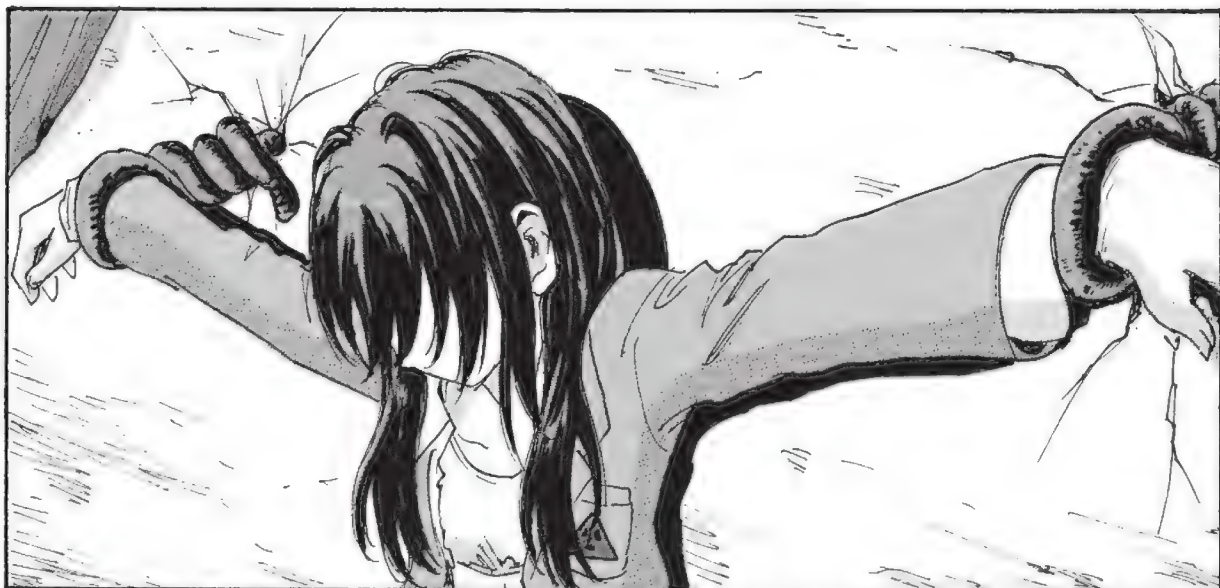
Please
give me
a gun,
Miss
Ozu.



Go
wild!
♪

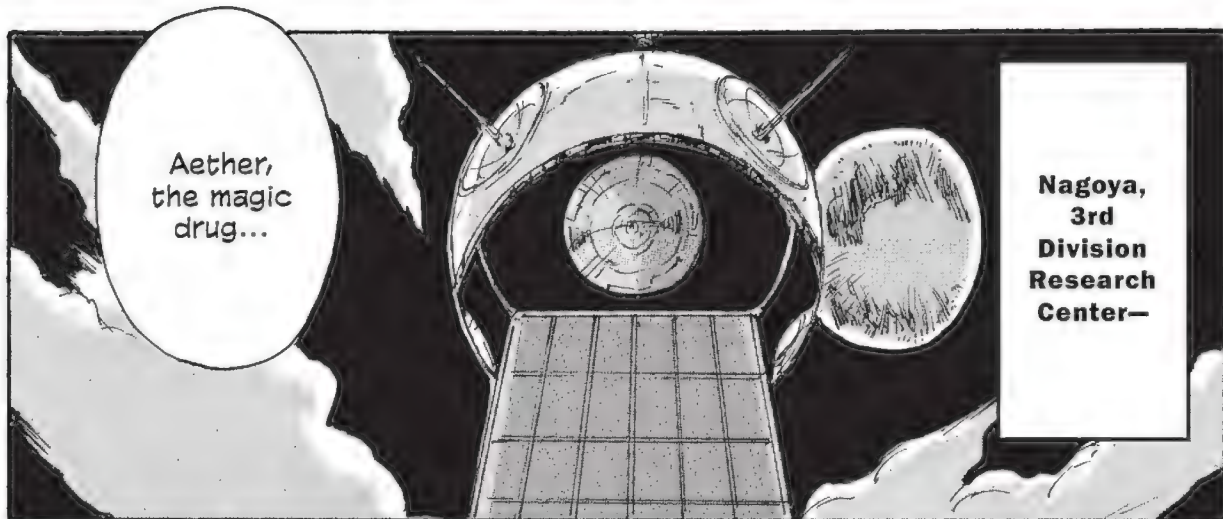
SWISH

You've
got guts,
four-
eyes.



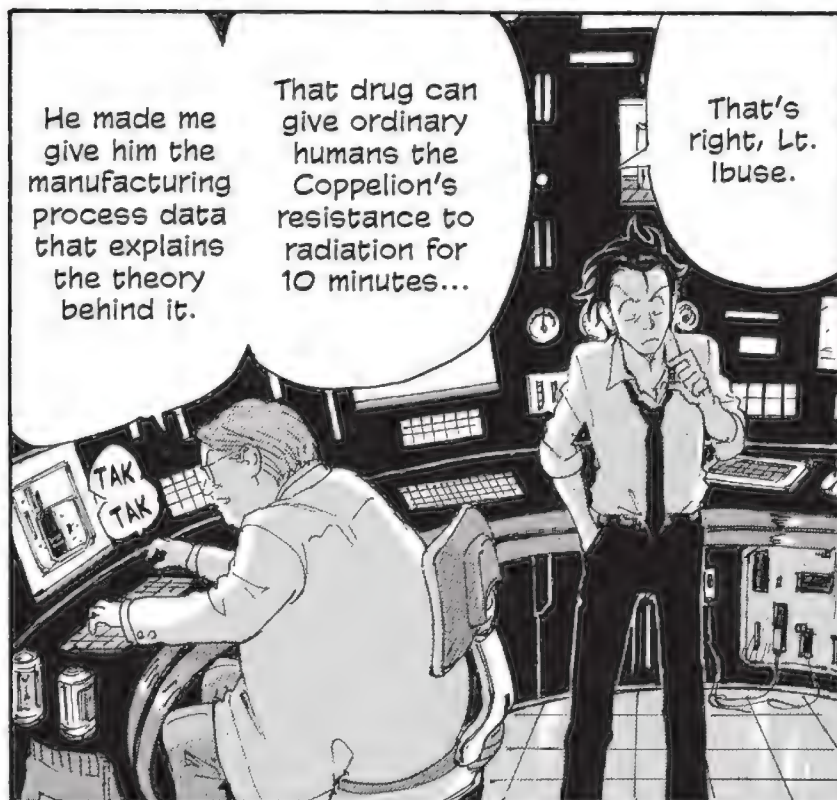






Aether,
the magic
drug...

Nagoya,
3rd
Division
Research
Center—



He made me
give him the
manufacturing
process data
that explains
the theory
behind it.

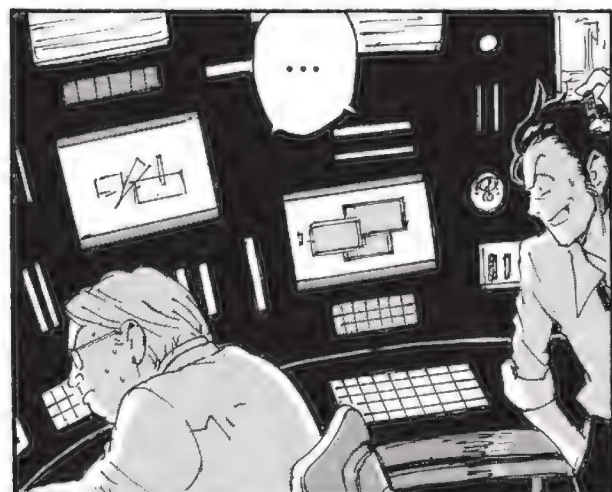
That drug can
give ordinary
humans the
Coppelion's
resistance to
radiation for
10 minutes...

That's
right, Lt.
lbuse.

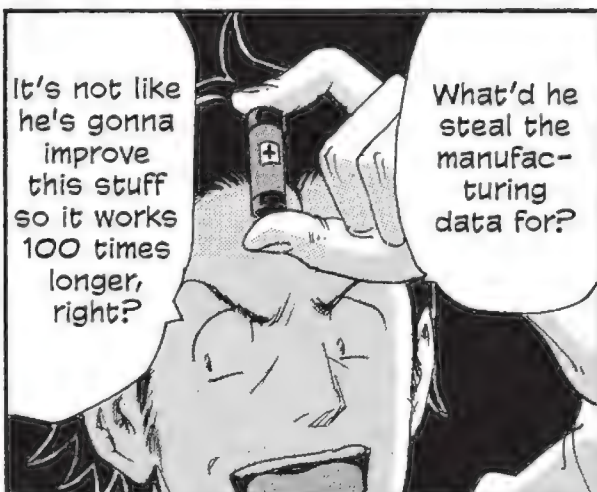


So he made off
with our entire
stock of this
stuff?

That
damn Dr.
Coppelius...



...



It's not like
he's gonna
improve
this stuff
so it works
100 times
longer,
right?

What'd he
steal the
manufac-
turing
data for?



You
made an
improved
version of
aether?!



So that's
why it took
you so long
to get to
Tokyo?

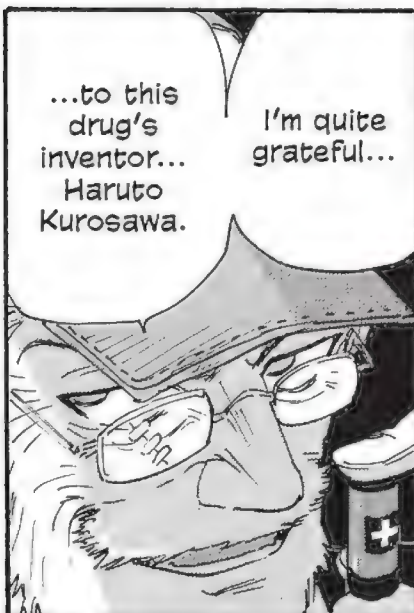


'Twas a
simple task
for a man
of genius
like myself.

It's
not so
surprising!



Now,
now... it
would have
taken any
other man
a century!



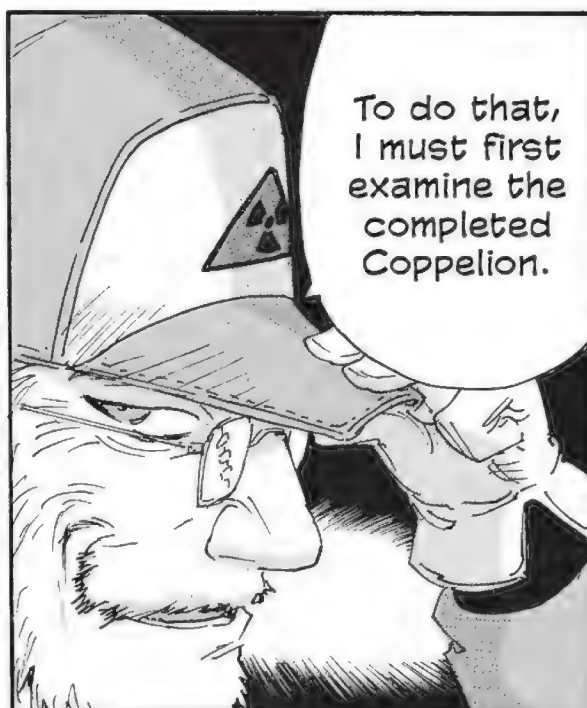
...to this
drug's
inventor...
Haruto
Kurosawa.

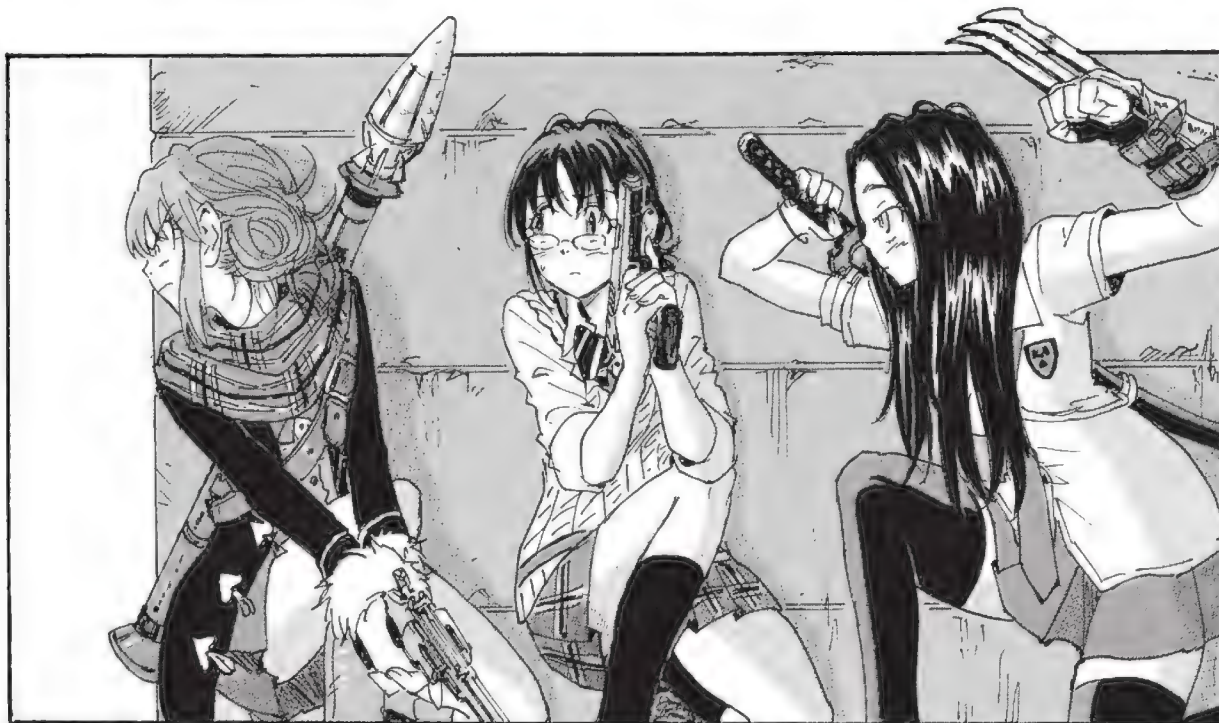
I'm quite
grateful...

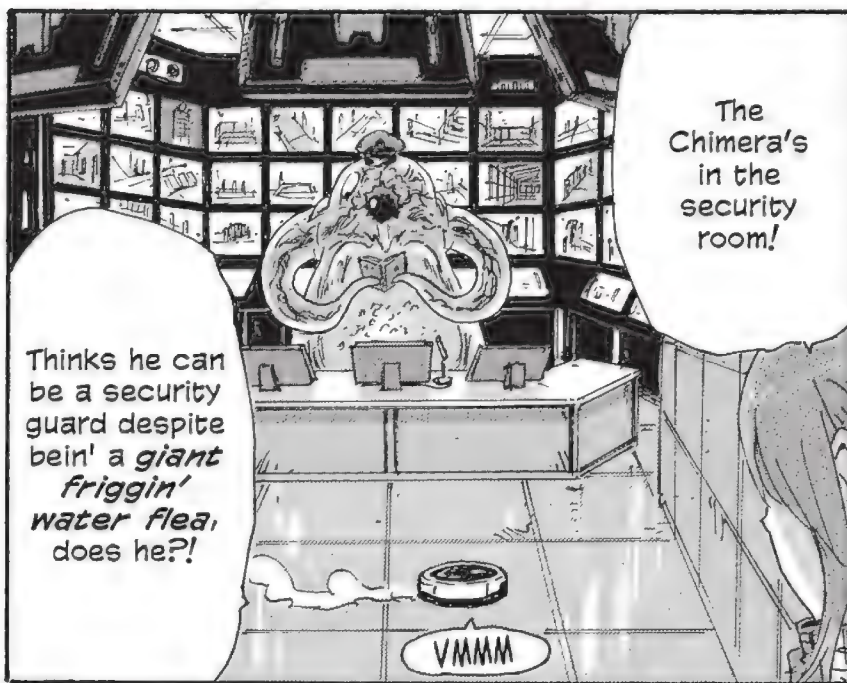


It should
make the
human body
immune to
radiation
for approxi-
mately 10
hours.

In any case...
I tested my
"aether plus"
on lab rats to
measure how
long it remains
in effect.







Thinks he can be a security guard despite bein' a *giant friggin' water flea*, does he?!

The Chimera's in the security room!

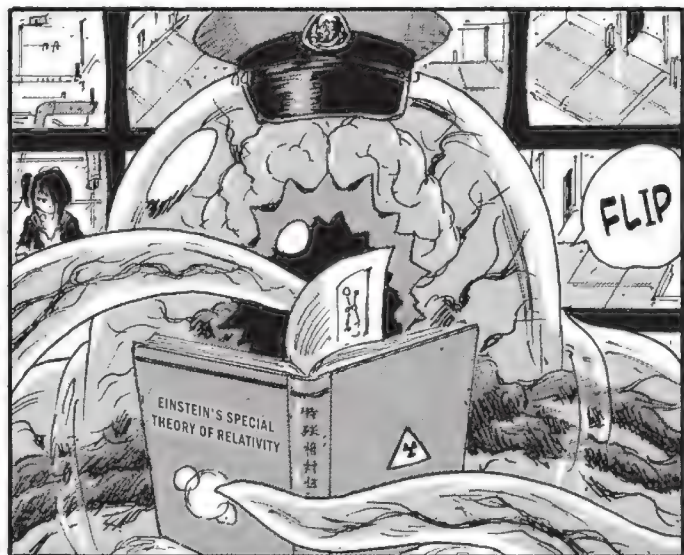


Shit...



...
So he's smarter than Shion here? What the hell...?

...he's reading *Einstein's Theory of Relativity*.



FLIP



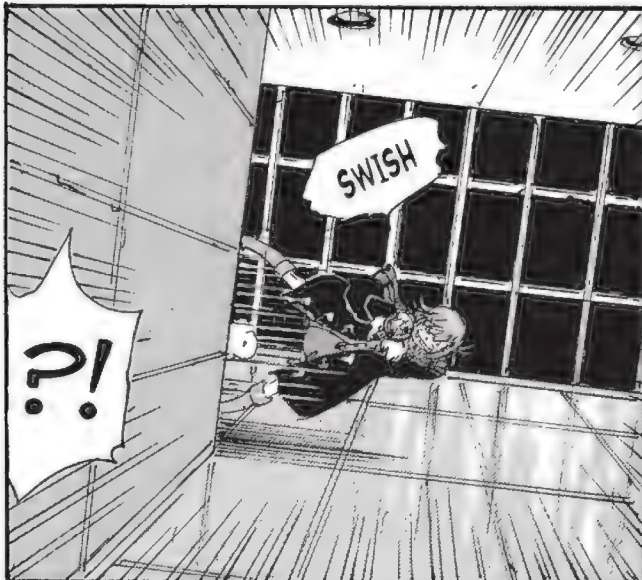
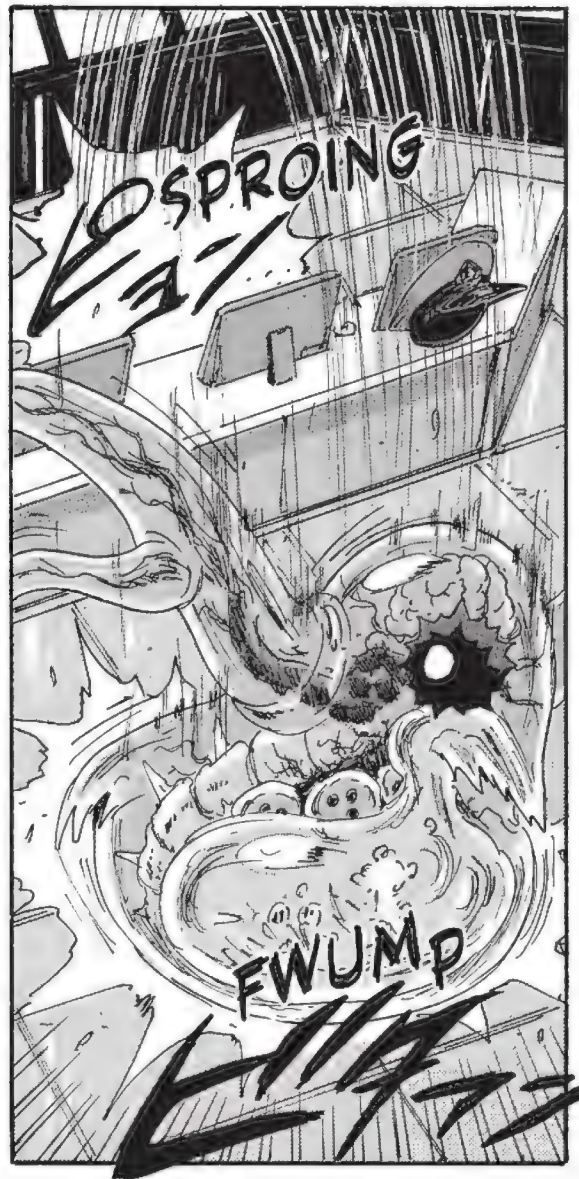
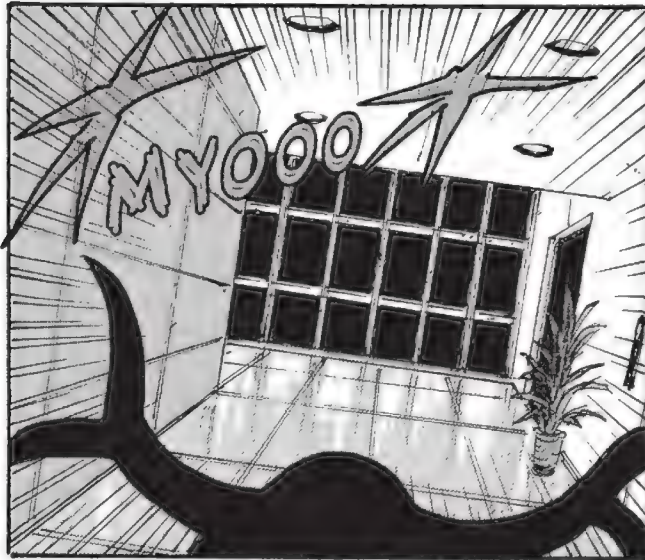
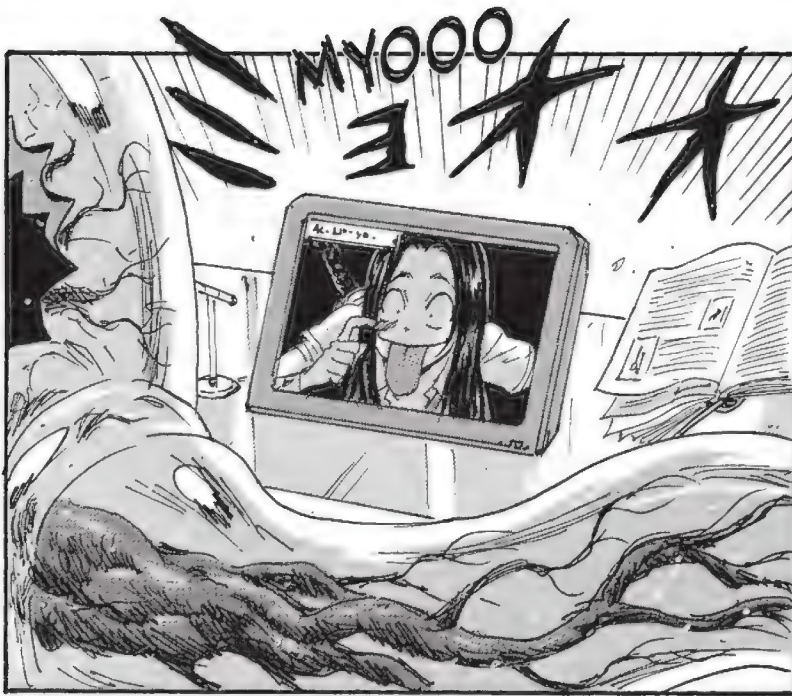
We'll just haveta go kamikaze on 'im ...

KCHK



If we dawdle around like that, Dr. Coppelius'll get away!

It will take quite some time to get to the top floor without access to an elevator.



Say hello
to my
custom
rocket
launcher!!



BWOOSH



Now
burst
open!



!!

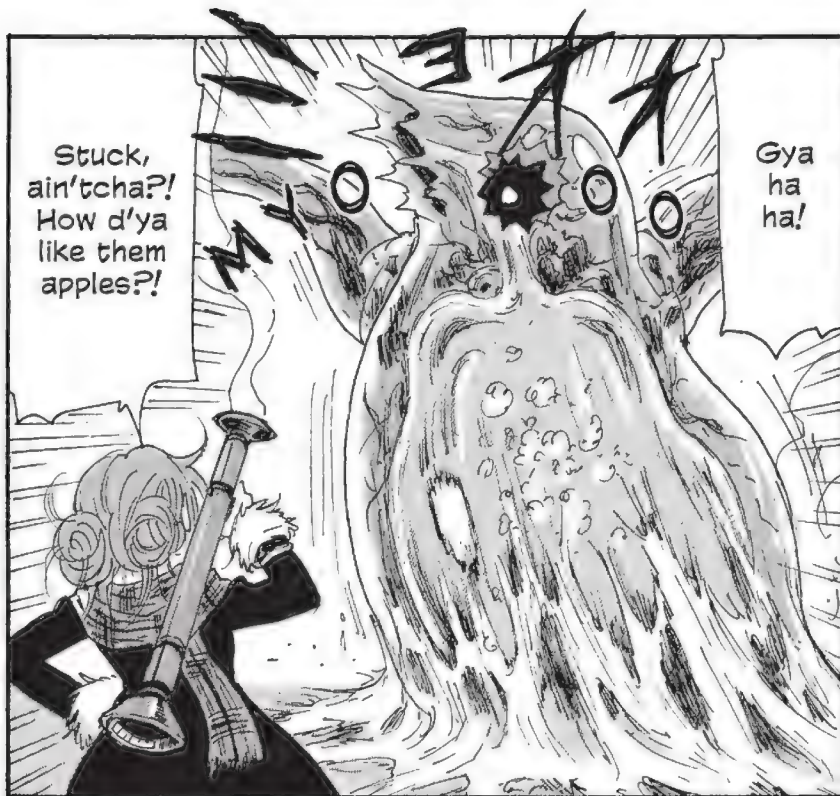
SWISH

BTOOM



?!

SPLISH



Stuck,
ain'tcha?!
How d'ya
like them
apples?!

Gya
ha
ha!



STICK 7



Get that
elevator
working,
four-eyes!

I'm
on it!

BLAM

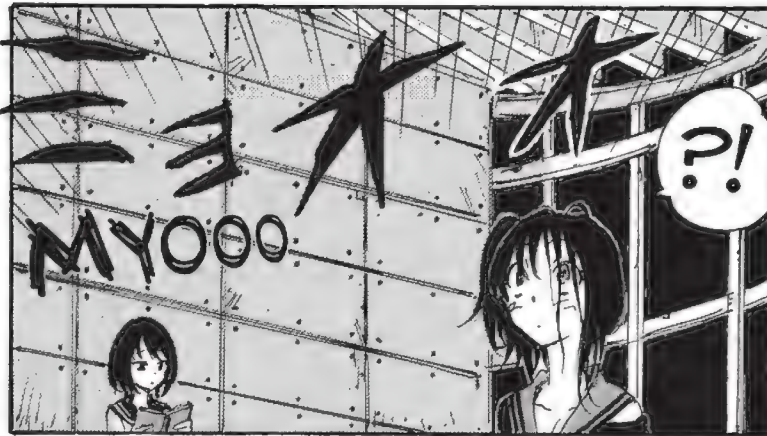
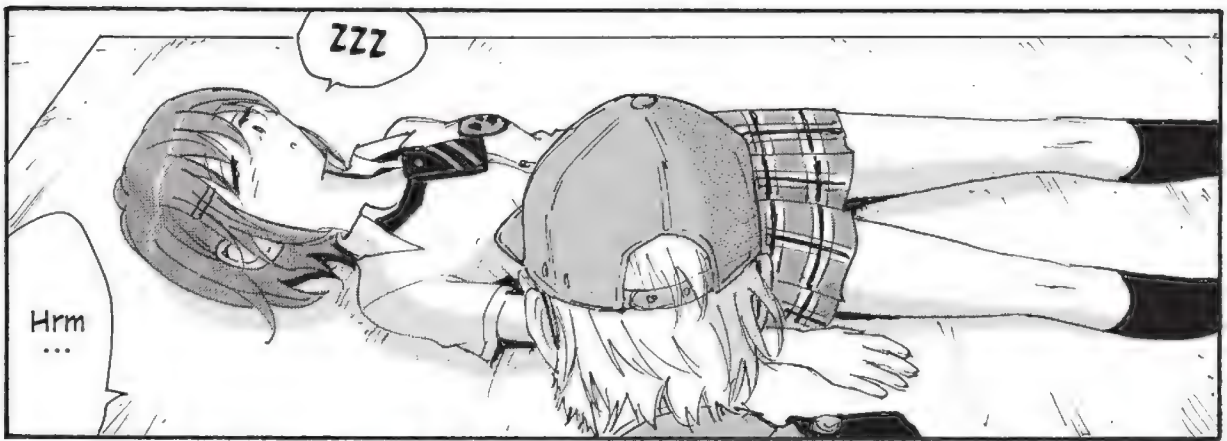
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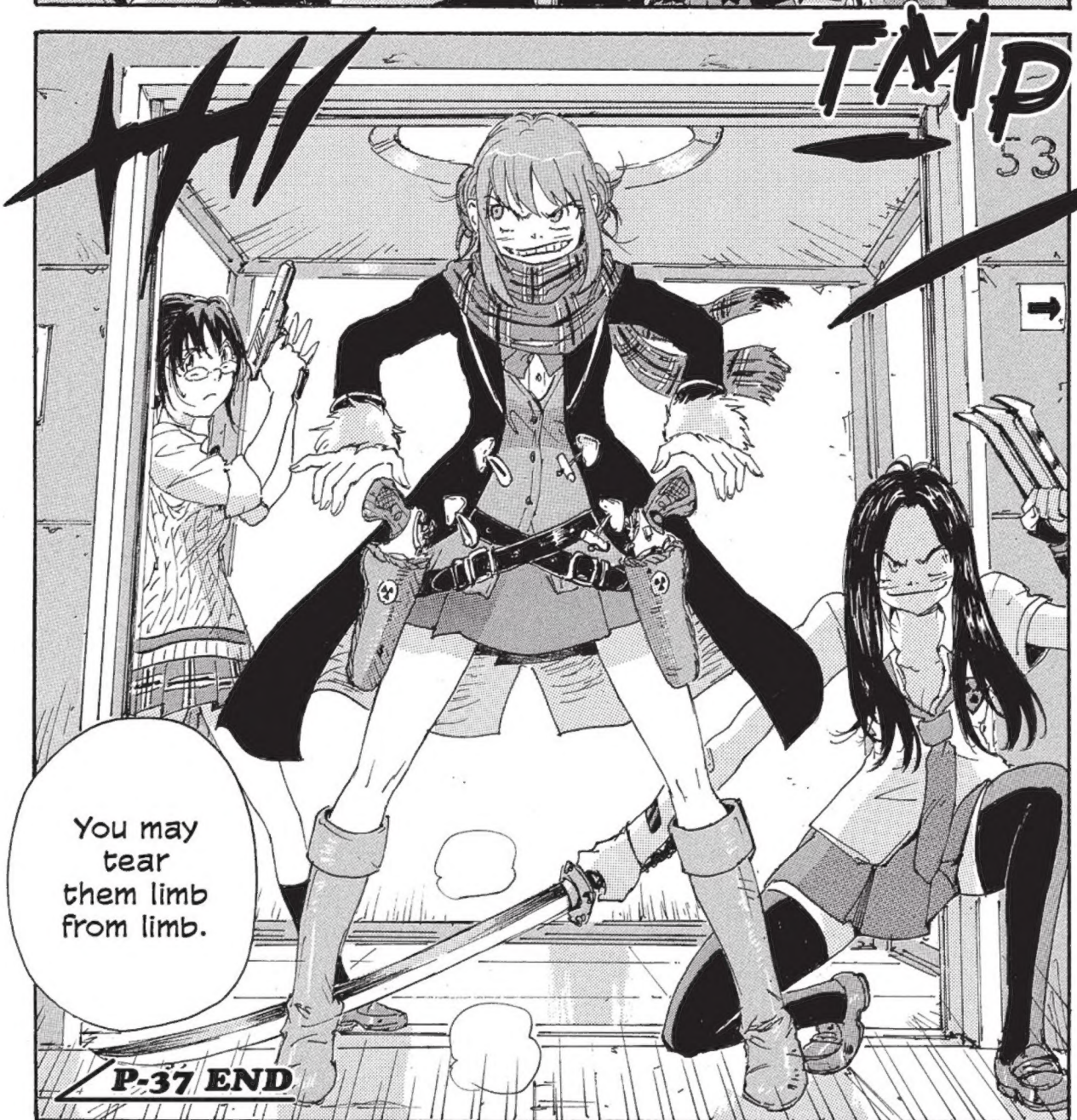


DASH 7



BOOF 7





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